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Chapter 11

Becoming a Shield

CELESTE!
CELESTE?
IT'S HIM!!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
USE US?
NOTHING MORE THAN...
WHAT THE WORD MEANS IN ITSELF
HE'S SO CLOSE!

INTELLI-
GENCE,
AMBITION...
CONTRARY
TO THE
LIVES YOU
NOW LEAD...
AND A DESIRE
TO FIGHT
AGAINST THE
INJUSTICE YOU
FEEL VICTIM
TO
NICO-
LAS!
THAT IS THE
CRITERIA
THAT...
YOU GROUPED
THEM BY, AM
I RIGHT,
ALGIE?
YOU HAVE NO
SCRUPLE
BUT
IT LOOKS LIKE
YOU DIDN'T
EXPECT THIS...
ALGIE...

YOU WILL LET ME JOIN...
YOUR "LEAGUE OF THE BLIND."
SAY SOMETHING, ALGIE!
YOU'RE NOT JUST GOING TO LET HIM DO AS HE PLEASES?!
JUST WHO ARE YOU?!
NOT THIS...
BECAUSE OF THE DARK SEED...
NICOLAS, YOU...
THAT'S JUST IT
BUT THAT'S NOT ALL

IT WOULD SEEM THAT THERE'S NOT MUCH TIME LEFT.
ALEX...

It's thanks to the makeup
YOU WILL HAVE TO EXCUSE ME, I DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME TO TALK...
The role of a man fits you like a glove!
DID YOU PLAY IN ANOTHER PIECE TODAY?
AND NICOLAS?
HE'S OVER THERE
THIS WAS NOT WHAT WE DISCUSSED..
HM?
AH
I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE ORGANISATION IS PLOTTING...
WE HAD NO CHOICE!
WE HAD TO DO IT BEFORE THE SITUATION GOT WORSE
BUT YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE BROUGHT HIM HERE!
That chick from The Organisation is a total girl!
Huh? Isn't that a man?
He's so handsome!
Wah
NO
I HAVE TO PLAY IN A PIECE TONIGHT, I'VE BEEN MISSED ENOUGH ALREADY
DO YOU WANT ME TO GO GET HIM?

ALEX!
ALTHOUGH, IF IT WERE POSSIBLE...
I WOULD HAVE LOVED TO BRING NICOLAS BACK HOME
OH...
I'm going to go see if we can see the parade better from the other side of the crowd!
MAYBE CELESTE...
I ASKED THE GREAT GUARDIAN DIRECTLY...
たっ
THEN YOU'VE MADE YOUR DECISION?
YES
I AM ONLY HERE TO LEAVE A MESSAGE

HELLO CELESTE.
YOU'VE COME AT THE RIGHT MOMENT I HAVE SOMETHING FOR YOU
A MESSAGE FROM THE ORGANISATION'S PRESIDENT.
THE DAY OF THE SEALING HAS BEEN DECIDED.
DECIDED ...?
MOTHER?

ON THAT NOTE, ELLIS, WE WILL SEE EACH OTHER LATER
YES
ALGIE
TAKE CARE OF NICOLAS.
I WONDER IF VINCENT WILL COME
YES, PLEASE TAKE CARE OF ME!
YES, DON'T WORRY

WE HAVE TO MAKE OUR WAY TO THE HEAD-MISTRESS' OFFICE NOW, UNTIL LATER
OKAY
AND AS FOR YOUR GUARDIAN?
I DON'T WANT HER THERE
REALLY
HE'S YOUR SHIELD, OF COURSE HE WILL BE THERE
THAT'S TRUE
What's with him he didn't even look at me once
IT'S HIM...

RIJIE?
IT'S HIM...
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU, RIJIE?
THE ONE THAT NEEDS US THE MOST...
IS NOT ALGIE
IS HIM.
THE ONE WHO NEEDS US THE MOST...

MY GUARDIAN.
MY FIANCE.
SINCE THE BEGINNING, THEY'VE MADE ALL MY DECISIONS FOR ME.
I WAS ADOPTED INTO HER FAMILY.
TRULY, JUST LIKE A PUPPET.
KELLY,
DO YOU WANT SOME TEA?
HM.
NO, I'M FINE, THANK YOU.
You sure?
THEY HAVE ALWAYS OPPRESSED ME AND TRIED TO CONTROL MY LIFE.
IT'S AS IF I DON'T EXIST.
AS IF I WAS INVISIBLE..
MY LIFE, MY EMOTIONS. THEY HAVE NEVER BEEN MINE.
JUST LIKE A PUPPET.

THE ONE WHO NEEDS US THE MOST IS NOT ALGIE!
TCH!
HEY, KELLY.
WHAT IF WE MAKE A GROUP OF PEOPLE LIKE US?
HERE, THAT WILL BE YOUR HOME!
YOU ARE NOT ALONE, YOU ARE NOT IN-VISIBLE
YOU LIVE HERE.
FIND PEOPLE WHO FEEL THE SAME WAY AS WE DO!
I KNOW.

ANNETTE, ANNETTE!!
DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING NEW ABOUT ALEX?!
OH
NO
BUT I GUESS YOU REALLY DON'T WANT ANY...
I'LL DRINK IT
YOU'LL SEE, IT'S REALLY GOOD
You like him a lot huh? ♡
YES! ♡
Is he really here?
Alex Batrail
ANNE-TTE...
THANK YOU

RYAN!
JAMIE...
COULD YOU HELP ME WITH MY HOME-WORK?
I'M BUSY HERE...
GO TO THE LIBRARY FIRST, I'LL MEET YOU THERE LATER
OKAY!
WAH!
HEY, WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING!
JAMIE THE IDIOT, WHO DOESN'T EVEN KNOW THAT ONE FOOT GOES IN FRONT OF THE OTHER!
.....

A GOOD-FOR-NOTHING CREATOR!
THAT'S THE KIND WHO'S UNABLE TO DO THEIR HOMEWORK ALONE...
IT'S BECAUSE I HOLD THE STONE OF THAT PERSON THAT THEY ALSO TAKE ME FOR AN IDIOT...
HOWEVER, YOUR PROFESSORS SAY THAT...
JAMIE ISN'T STUPID...
IT'S JUST THAT HE HAS TROUBLE READING AND WRITING...
HM?
ALGIE'S LITTLE BROTHER...
OH HIM...
That pompous child
ABOUT THAT...
DON'T YOU THINK RIJIE REACTED WEIRDLY AFTER MEETING HIM?
PERSONALLY, HE SCARES ME...
HE GAVE ME THE IMPRESSION THAT HE WAS AN INTRUDER AMONGST THE LEAGUE...

DO YOU THINK HE HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE DARK SEED?
BUT, DOESN'T THE DARK SEED NEED TO BE SEALED?
BUT, DESPITE MY FEAR...
I COULDN'T FIND IT IN ME TO LOOK AWAY FROM HIM...
EVEN NOW, I CAN FEEL THE EFFECTS OF HIS AURA...
IN THAT CASE, THEN HE SHOULDN'T HAVE THAT KIND OF POWER...
WHAT IS THIS FEELING...?
I DON'T QUITE REMEMBER WHAT RIJIE SAID TO US...
I UNDERSTAND, I'M THE SAME...
SPEAKING OF WHICH, IS SHE ALRIGHT?
I didn't see her today...

EUGENE
OH, HELLO ALEX.
I CAUGHT A GLIMPSE OF HER TALKING TO THE HEAD-MISTRESS
WE'LL FIND OUT WHAT SHE'S DOING LATER
DO YOU THINK SHE'S WITH CLEA?
NO CLUE...
SORRY TO DISTURB YOU IN THE MIDDLE OF WORK
IT'S FINE, I KNOW THAT YOU'RE PLAYING IN AN IMPORTANT PIECE TONIGHT
IF I WERE FREE, I WOULD COME GO AND HELP YOU

EUGENE!
EU-GENE,
YOU SEEM TIRED, YOU SHOULD REST
NOT AT ALL! AND I STILL HAVE TO...
I even got flowers!
HER MAJ-ESTY?
YES, SHE WAS ENCHANT-ING
THAT'S GREAT!
DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN ALGIE WAS BORN?
OF COURSE!
OH...
LOOK AT HOW PALE YOU ARE...
YOU SHOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT NICOLAS, EVERYTHING WILL BE ALRIGHT!
THE DAY HE WAS BORN YOU WERE BEET RED,
THEN ALL OF A SUDDEN YOU BECAME LIVID!

LOOK HOW BEAUTIFUL HIS STONE IS, EUGENE!
THIS CHILD WAS BORN TO BECOME A SORCERER
AT THAT TIME, I STILL REMEMBER WHAT YOU WERE SAYING
THAT THIS CHILD
IF OUR CHILD IS NOT IN THE LEAST BIT THREATENED BY THE SHADOWS OF HELL
IT'S BECAUSE OF THIS STONE
EVERYTHING WILL BE ALRIGHT, DON'T WORRY, EUGENE
YES
THIS CHILD IS NOTHING LIKE HERBERT
I CANNOT BECOME,
THIS CHILD'S GUARDIAN
BUT I CAN BECOME HIS MENTOR

WHEN IT CAME TO OUR SECOND CHILD,
EVEN IF HIS HEALTH WAS FRAGILE, HE WAS HAPPY AND KIND...
HOWEVER...
MY BODY WAS POSSESSED BY THE EVIL OF MY BROTHER...
AND HERE'S WHERE HE FREED HIMSELF...
I NEVER THOUGHT HE WOULD...
BUT DEEP INSIDE MYSELF, I NEVER STOPPED WORRYING...
IF AT LEAST LADY AGNES WERE ALWAYS WITH US...
SHE WOULD KNOW WHAT TO DO.
I BELIEVE IN THE NEW GREAT GUARDIAN...
IT IS TRUE, SHE IS STILL YOUNG,
AND INEXPERIENCED...
That's not really what made me anxious ^_^;
BUT...

BUT I SENSE THAT SHE HAS A SPECIAL POWER...
IF THE SAINTS DRAW THEIR MAGIC FROM SUCH A PERFECT BALANCE,
THAT THEY CAN WARD OFF DARK MAGIC.
FOR CELESTE IT'S DIFFERENT.
HIDDEN DEEP WITHIN HER
SHE IS STILL FRAGILE AND UNSTABLE
I BELIEVE IT'S HER BOLDNESS THAT GIVES HER STRENGTH.
OF COURSE SHE LACKS EXPERI-ENCE...
BUT SHE WILL ACQUIRE THAT WITH TIME
HOWEVER, NO MATTER HOW CLOSE DANGER MAY BE, SHE DOES NOT FEAR IT

PIPPE...
DON'T FORGET TO DO THAT FOR ME.
I DIDN'T THINK OF IT THAT WAY.
Her boldness?
THANK YOU, I FEEL A BIT BETTER THANKS TO YOUR STORY.
ガチャ
GOOD
HMM...

ガチャ
……
EHH
PARDON
MAY I COME IN NOW…?
IS NICHOLAS BACK YET?
I CONVINCED MY BROTHER TO KEEP HIM,
HE'S WITH HIM.
I SEE…
OH, I GET IT IS IT A MAGIC DOOR?
It's my first time seeing one!!
ガッカリ
A while ago it was Vincent's drop…
OH… IT'S JUST THE HALLWAY.
YOU CAN DO IT TOO, IF YOU WANT…
THERE'S NO NEED FOR MAGIC
SIP THIS AGAIN EVEN I CAN'T GET INTO ELFINHOOD

AND CELESTE?
I WAS A BIT SHOCKED BY WHAT THE HEADMISTRESS TOLD ME.
Kyah—♥
YOU MADE IT!
RIJIE!!
THIS IS HER.
THE CLASS-MATE YOU SPOKE OF?
YES, PRESIDENT.
I WANT HER TO BECOME MY FIRST SHIELD.

I KNOW THAT I'M NOT TAKING YOUR STANDARDS INTO CONSIDERATION,
BUT I WANT SOMEONE THAT I TRUST AT MY SIDE
HOWEVER,
YOUR NEXT SHIELD,
WILL BE SOMEONE FROM THE ORGANIZATION.
IS THAT ALRIGHT?
YES.
What? He accepted so easily?
THERE IS NO PROBLEM, I UNDERSTAND.
AND VINCENT?
WILL HE BE HERE SOON?
キョロ
WHAT IS SHE DOING HERE...?
SHE IS ALSO ONE OF YOUR SHIELDS.

TH... THAT'S NOT FAIR PRESIDENT!
Why is she crying...?
THE SHIELDS
ARE CHARGED WITH THE PROTECTION OF THE GREAT GUARDIAN
THEY MAKE UP HER ARMOUR
THE RIGHT SIDE...
THE LEFT SIDE...
THE FACE...
AND LASTLY THE BLOOD...
WHICH IS PROTECTED BY YOUR VERY OWN GUARDIAN.

TOGETHER, THEY FORM THE SEVEN SHIELDS.
AND LASTLY THE BLOOD, WHICH IS PROTECTED BY YOUR VERY OWN GUARDIAN
YOU MET WITH RUPERT IN THE HOSPITAL.
KNOW THIS, IT IS RARE THAT A SHIELD-
ENDS UP IN THAT STATE.
BUT, HE...
THAT IS NOT SOMETHING THAT THE GREAT GUARDIAN SHOULD WORRY ABOUT

RIJIE, CHRIS, COME THIS WAY...
DO NOT FORGET WHAT YOUR ROLE IS, GREAT GUARDIAN...
RIJIE...
I'M SORRY FOR HAVING DRAGGED YOU INTO THIS...
OF COURSE NOT, I'M HAPPY YOU ASKED ME...
IT'S AN HONOUR...

VINCENT !!
ぼすっ
SORRY, WE'RE A BIT LATE.
CELESTE.
IT LOOKS LIKE EVERYONE IS HERE.
Don't hug me!
EUUHH
AND ALGIE..?
HE IS WITH NICHOLAS.

HUH?!
危険!
NICHOLAS' APPEARANCE SUDDENLY CHANGED
HE WON'T LET HIMSELF BE ENCHANTED SO EASILY
BUT, ALGIE IS NOT LIKE ME
AND ALGIE FEELS MORE RE-ASSURED-
BEING BY HIS SIDE
STOP, HERBERT.

EVER SINCE...
YOU STARTED USING YOUR DARK MAGIC UNCLE AND THE HELP HAVE BEHAVED LIKE PUPPETS!
OH? DON'T YOU THINK THEY'RE MUCH MORE AGREEABLE THIS WAY?
BESIDES...
YOUR FRIENDS?
WHATEVER YOU HAVE PLANNED, DON'T INVOLVE MY FRIENDS IN YOUR SQUALID AFFAIRS!
ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT THOSE...
WHO TREMBLE AT THE SOUND OF MY VOICE?
I NEED ALLIES,
THEY WILL SERVE AS MY "FORTRESS."
WOULD YOU...
LIKE TO KNOW HOW IT FEELS.
TO BE DESTROYED?

WHAT HAPPENED TO Y... TO HIM?
HE WAS PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY WEAK.
ALL OF HIS WISHED WERE MERCILESSLY CRUSHED
I WAS...
NO, HERBERT WAS DESTROYED.
HIS MOTHER, SHE WAS NEVER THERE FOR HIM
THE VERY SIGHT OF HIM DISGUSTED HER.
SO, THEY JUDGED HIM.
SO EASILY.
THEY STRIPPED HIM OF HIS POWER, AND OF HIS LIFE
HE COULD COUNT ONLY ON HIMSELF AND HIS OWN POWER.
HE REFUSED TO ABANDON HIS MAGIC.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT HERBERT WAS MISSING?
AT THAT TIME...
A GUARDIAN!
THIS POWER IS SIMPLY FABULOUS!
THE MAGICIANS OF OLD USED IT AND CONSIDERED GUARDIANS "OBSTRUCTIONS"!
NEVERTHELESS..
HIS POWER WAS DUBBED "THE DARK SEED."

WHY IS IT THAT EVERYONE REFUSES TO UNDERSTAND AND ONLY SEES SOMETHING BAD?
CELESTE?
BUT... DO YOU KNOW WHAT IS IRONIC?
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
IT'S THAT, I TOO...
HAPPENED...?
JUST NOW...
SOMETHING JUST...
I TOO NEED TO BE HINDERED BY A GUARDIAN!

YOU ALSO NOTICED IT TOO, DIDN'T YOU?
THAT THE MAGIC HIDDEN IN THE STONE WAS NOTHING MORE THAN WIND
HENCEFORTH, YOU ARE MY GUARDIAN, ALGIE.
I...
WILL NOT MAKE THE SAME MISTAKES AGAIN.
THANKS TO YOUR POWER...
COMBINED WITH MY OWN, WE WON'T NEED SOMETHING AS USELESS AS A STONE.
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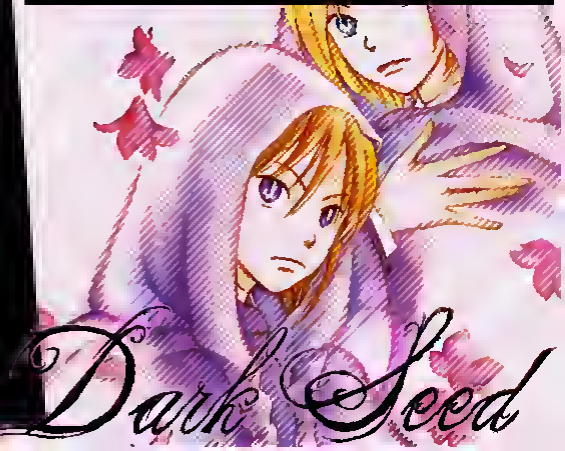

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CHAPTER 12
ESTRANGEMENT

CELESTE,
YOU CAN'T CONTINUE ESCAPING YOUR DUTY
IT'S ALMOST TIME...
I'M STARTING TO GET SCARED...
WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
YOUR ANXIETY IS A REFLECTION OF YOUR HEART
YOU MUST BE ABLE TO...
DEAL WITH THAT FEELING
HOWEVER...
SOMEONE DEVOID OF FEELINGS...
IS UNDOUBTEDLY AN IDIOT!

AREN'T YOUR WORDS CONTRADICTORY ...?
IT'S BECAUSE YOU OLD PEOPLE ALWAYS SPEAK TOO MUCH!
SO, HAVE YOU DECIDED ON WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO?
IT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE A DECISION
AH... YOU'RE BEING CALLED...
ste
Celeste
CELESTE!
EVERYONE IS WAITING FOR YOU.
ARE YOU READY?
YES

ANCESTRAL MAGIC FORCE OF THE SHADOWS

I THINK THAT...
I UNDERSTAND MY MOTHER'S FEELINGS A LITTLE BETTER...
THE INDIFFERENCE SHE FELT TOWARDS HERBERT, EVEN WHEN HE RAN AWAY...
BUT IT'S HER BEHAVIOR THAT HURT MY BROTHER IN SUCH A WAY...
BY THE ORIGINAL POWER WHICH IS DUE TO ME...
FALL ASLEEP!

IF ONLY SHE HAD GIVEN HIM A LITTLE MORE LOVE AND AFFECTION...
MAYBE NONE OF THIS WOULD HAVE HAPPENED.
I DON'T WANT NICOLAS TO UNDERGO THE SAME FATE AS MY LITTLE BROTHER.
DO YOU WANT SOMETHING TO DRINK?
THANK YOU
WHERE ARE THE OTHERS?
THEY'RE WAITING IN THE ANTEROOM
I SEE— IT MUST HAVE STARTED—

SFX: OPEN
HE'S GOING TO RETURN
PARDON?
THE YOUNG MASTER
NICOLAS WILL SOON BE HERE
Celeste?

PRESIDENT!
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
THE GREAT GUARDIAN, SHE
WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM...?
CELESTE...
NICOLAS?
WHAT...

IT'S THE MARK OF THE SEAL.
SO IT WORKED?
BECAUSE OF THE BEHAVIOR OF THE GREAT GUARDIAN, I WAS A LITTLE WORRIED
AND THE PROOF THAT THE GREAT GUARDIAN SUCCEEDED IN SEALING THE DARK SEED
HOWEVER...
EVEN IF ITS POWER HAS ALMOST
I'M AFRAID THAT THE SEAL ISN'T COMPLETED YET
BEEN ENTIRELY SEALED...

NO. THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY...
WHICH MEANS THAT I'M STILL NOT FREE?
NICOLAS!
WAIT, NICOLAS...
WHY?
THE SEAL WORKED, DIDN'T IT?
AND I THINK THAT I HAVE BEEN LOCKED INSIDE THIS HOUSE LONG ENOUGH!

LIZZIE!
IT LOOKS LIKE YOUR CONCERNS ARE OVER, RIGHT NICOLAS?
YES, UNCLE
ずしっ
I WAS SURPRISED WHEN I HEARD THE NEWS!
You've become one of the seven shields!
It's amazing Lizzie!
SFX: FUSH
CAN I HELP YOU WITH SOMETHING?
EXCUSE ME
AH, YOU BELONG TO THE LEAGUE OF THE BLIND
I'M LIZZIE!

OKAY, LEAVE IT TO ME!
IN THAT CASE, COULD YOU HELP ME GATHER THE OTHER MEMBERS?
THIS BURDEN IS HARD TO CARRY...
FOR THE ONES WHO WERE VICTIMS OF THE DARK SEED
BUT IT'S BETTER FOR HIM IF HE CAN FIND HIS FREEDOM
VINCENT...
IF EVER SOMETHING HAPPENS, DON'T HESITATE TO CALL UPON US
YES...

I SAW...
HIS SILHOUETTE WAS WRAPPED BY DARKNESS.
THE SEAL IS IMPERFECT...
DOES THAT MEAN IT WILL ONLY BE TEMPORARY?
I THINK WE SUCCEEDED IN REPELLING THE EVIL THAT WAS DEVOURING HIM BUT...
THERE'S STILL...
THE PROBLEM OF HIS MARK...
PLUS I WONDER WHY CELESTE LEFT IN SUCH A HURRY...
WHERE IS SHE NOW?
SHE'S PROBABLY...

I HAVEN'T .. FELT ANYTHING.
.. AT THE COUNCIL OF THE WISE.
NORMALLY WHEN I USE MY MAGIC I HAVE THE SENSATION OF CARRYING HEAVY WEIGHT
IT SUDDENLY BECOMES LIGHT
AND I LOSE MY BALANCE BECAUSE OF THE DIFFERENCE IN WEIGHTS
I..
MAYBE...
I COMPLETELY MESSED UP THE SEAL...?

MESSED UP, YOU THINK?
HUH?
MESSED UP?
IF YOU REALLY FAILED...
I TRIED LISTENING TO YOUR ADVICE, BUT... THEY WERE KIND OF DOUBTFUL!
TO START
Don't all snails sit still?
A seal? For that...
You should read! Books are filled with different kinds of recipes!
Crucify him!
Tangle him up!
Putting a lid on him should be enough, no?
Trap him in a jar!
DOUBTFUL? OF COURSE!
EACH GREAT GUARDIAN HAS HIS OWN TECHNIQUE!
DID YOU... HEAR IT?
HIS VOICE...
I'LL ONLY ASK YOU ONE THING...
HIS VOICE?

IS IT THAT HARD TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE WORLD TODAY IS BEING DISSOLVED?
LIKE A PIECE OF CAKE...
POWER IS DIVIDING
THE POWER CALLED "THE DARK SEED"...
WHY?
YES... AT THAT MOMENT...
I HEARD HIS VOICE IN MY HEAD...
WHILE IT'S ACTUALLY THE ORIGINAL FORM OF MAGIC...
WE'RE ALL THE SAME, WE'RE ALL MAGICIANS...
WHY DO YOU HAVE TO SEAL IT AWAY?
WHY CAN'T I BE FREE...?

THE CHANGES THAT WE COULD ACCOMPLISH..
WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO SEE..
THANKS TO OUR COMBINED MAGIC?
IT'S WHAT
I'VE
INSIDE OF ME.
If you continue, You'll become a great guardian.
I'M NOT ABLE TO QUESTION MY WORDS.
PEOPLE ONLY HEAR WHAT THEY WANT TO HEAR.
THE TRUTH IS...

IF YOU TAKE A CIRCLE, THE SHIELDS MAKE THE PERIMETER AND THE GREAT GUARDIAN IS IN THE CENTER
THE GREAT GUARDIAN IS THEREFORE ALONE
BUT "ALONE" DOESN'T MEAN THAT HE REALLY IS.
DON'T FORGET THAT WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU.
NO MATTER HOW MUCH THE WEIGHT OF YOUR BURDEN IS WE'LL BE THERE TO LIGHTEN IT.
YOU SHOULDN'T TRY TO PUT US ASIDE

WE COULD BE NEXT TO EACH OTHER RIGHT NOW
WHY DO I HAVE THE FEELING.
THAT ALGIE HAS BEEN TRYING TO AVOID ME THESE PAST FEW DAYS?
He isn't even talking to me.
IT WOULD BE NICE IF
BIG BROTHER
NICOLAS?
AH YES, DON'T WORRY, NICOLAS IS HERE TOO
GOOD. RETURN MY POWERS NOW.
HERBERT !
DID YOU MISS ME?

DON'T COUNT ON ME TO RETURN YOUR POWERS!!
YOU'RE TRYING TO STAND UP TO ME?
HO HO
SFX BAF

MY MAGIC IS DEVOURING YOUR ENERGY.
DIDN'T YOU REALIZE THAT IT WASN'T SIMPLY A LOAN?
LOOK, YOUR FACE IS ALL PALE AND YOU LOOK TIRED!
THERE'S NOT A MOMENT TO LOSE
AND THEY'RE WAITING FOR US OUTSIDE
THAT'S BOTHERSOME
I need them.

ON THE OTHER HAND, YOU SHOULD HAVE MORE TRUST IN ME.
I DON'T REALLY HAVE AN OBJECTIVE. IF THAT'S WHAT YOU MEAN
WHAT'S YOUR GOAL HERBERT ?
AFTER ALL, YOU'RE MY GUARDIAN
SFX: CLOSE

YES, HE'S AT CLEA'S WHY DO YOU ASK?
ABOUT THE SEAL WILL THERE BE ANOTHER SESSION?
HE'S AT HIS UNCLE'S IS THAT IT?
EXAMS START NEXT WEEK...
WE'LL TRY AGAIN AS SOON AS THEY'RE FINISHED
AND...
AT FIRST, THE OTHER SESSION SHOULD HAVE TAKEN PLACE DURING EXAMS. BUT YOU KNOW HOW THE PRESIDENT IS. HE PREFERRED THAT I CONCENTRATE ON STUDYING.
IF YOU SAY SO...

SFX: BAM
SO GET TO WORK INSTEAD OF DAYDREAMING!
KYAH!
ガシャ
THE DIRECTOR SAID IT, YOU WON'T RECEIVE ANY SPECIAL TREATMENT!
AAH... WHY CAN'T I HAVE AN EXEMPTION FROM EXAMS!
I WOULD HAVE RATHER PREFERRED WORK, BUT IT ISN'T ME THAT DECIDES
UNLESS YOU PREFER REPEATING A YEAR AND BECOMING MORE MISERABLE THAN WHAT YOU ARE NOW?!
I don't want to repeat a year...
YOU'RE THE ONE THAT NEEDS TO WORK THE MOST!
BECAUSE I'LL REMIND YOU THAT, COMPARED TO ALL THE OTHER GIRLS IN THE CLASS...
AH, THERE YOU ARE!
WE WERE LOOKING FOR YOU EVERYWHERE!
AH! WHAT ARE YOU DOING? THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO BE IN UNIFORM!

...WHOSE IDEA WAS IT TO ORGANIZE A PARTY RIGHT BEFORE EXAMS?
CAN SOMEONE TELL ME...
Go change quickly!
I HEARD THAT THEY WERE TOO BUSY TO DO IT AFTER...
Because we aren't busy?
THEY DIDN'T LET US LEAVE TO SEE THE QUEEN'S PARADE FOR THE SAME REASON...
Weird
Okay!
YES?
CELESTE.
PRINCIPAL!
Surprise!
I HOPE THAT YOU'RE ALL ENJOYING YOURSELVES?

IT WILL BE SPECIAL, BUT...
DURING YOUR EXAMS, YOU WILL BE EXEMPTED FROM YOUR ADDITIONAL CLASSES.
JUST DO YOUR BEST DURING THE EXAMS. OUR HOPES REST ON YOU.
WHY DOES THIS HAVE TO HAPPEN TO ME..?
Y... YES
And you better not cheat!
IT'S ALGIE!
Me neither
I didn't know it would be this noisy...!
DO YOU WANT A PIECE?
OR DO YOU PREFER TEA?
ALGIE!
HUH... THAT'S RARE...
A...

SFX: WHAAAH
ぽわぁぁぁぁ
YOU TWO LOOK VERY PRETTY
HELLO, ALGIE
HEY!
AH, CLEA! THERE YOU ARE
I'M LOOKING FOR LIZZIE. DO YOU KNOW WHERE...
URM... HMM...
CE... CELE...
AH...
ALGIE!

DON'T BLUSH LIKE THAT!
DON'T
DON'T BLU
BLUSH
ALGIE
So irritating!
Ah... don't you think it suddenly feels hotter now?
SORRY
WHAT?
IT WAS UNDONE
THOSE TWO
SERIOUSLY, IT LOOK LIKE HE ONLY DISCOVERED NOW THAT CELESTE IS A GIRL!
WHAT?!
CE CELESTE IS A GIRL?!
I'M JOKING
BUT IT'S TRUE THAT I HAVEN'T SEEN LIZZIE AT ALL TONIGHT
LIZZIE--?
2007

HUH... BUT WHAT IS IT THAT I HAVE TO BRING HOME...?
PASS ON THE MESSAGE?
IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL HER, CAN I MAYBE PASS ON THE MESSAGE?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME TODAY?
THERE'S SOMETHING THAT I MUST ABSOLUTELY BRING HOME...
IT'S THE FIRST TIME SHE'S PASSED SUCH A NICE IMAGE OF HERSELF
HUH...?
TASTES TOO MUCH LIKE PEACH-PUNCH...
SPEAKING ABOUT ABSENT PEOPLE...
I DON'T SEE KELLY, YET HE'S NEVER FAR FROM ALGIE...
I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS...

I SEE THAT EVERYONE CAME
WHY?
I THOUGHT...
THAT YOU COULD NEVER BETRAY ALGIE...
WAIT HERE
It seems normal.
DO YOU THINK THAT LIZZIE LIVES HERE?
I THINK SO SINCE SHE WAS ADOPTED
They're familiar
THOSE CLOTHES
I DIDN'T THINK YOU WOULD COME HERE...
KELLY
STEP
STEP
STEP
TEP
TODAY, I'LL START STUDYING AT...
THE SUPERIOR ROYAL ACADEMY

HUH
THE GRADUATES FROM THAT SCHOOL ARE PRACTICALLY ALL MEMBERS OF THE PARLIAMENT THEY SAY THAT THEY MAKE UP THE ELITES AMONGST THE ELITES!
That's incredible!
OH... YOU MUST BE FRIENDS OF NICOLAS?
UNCLE...
EXCUSE ME FOR THE DISTURBANCE I HADN'T INFORMED YOU, UNCLE.
GO HAVE TEA IN ANOTHER ROOM, YOU'LL BE MORE AT EASE
COME ON, DON'T STAY HERE
Mary, bring some tea to Nicolas room would you?
BUT THAT'S
'THE SHADOW'?
MAKE YOURSELVES AT HOME
I DON'T MIND
THE FRIENDS OF MY NEPHEW ARE WELCOME HERE

YOU...
IT'S HERE?
YOU KNOW HOW TO MANIPULATE "THE SHADOW"?
WELL "THE SHADOW" IT'S...
IT'S A HARMFUL POWER!
WHY?
IT'S TOO DANGEROUS!
IT LIVES IN YOUR BODY JUST LIKE A WANDERING SOUL...
IN OTHER WORDS...
YOU DON'T EVEN TRUST YOUR OWN BODIES? IF I WERE YOU...
I WOULD HAVE USED THIS "SHADOW" A LONG TIME AGO INSTEAD OF PUSHING IT AWAY

I...
I'M SORRY...
YOU CAN LEAVE
IF THAT IS YOUR WAY OF THINKING...
IN THAT CASE, NOTHING IS PREVENTING YOU TO RETURN TO PLAYING THE MODEL STUDENT.
BUT... IT'S FOBIDDEN BY THE LAW!
YOU HAVE ALWAYS REPRESSED WHAT YOU HAVE IN THE BOTTOM OF YOUR HEART
IF YOU JOIN ME YOU'LL GET BACK YOUR PRIDE
NOTHING TO FEAR...?
YOU HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR.
AS LONG AS I'M ABLE TO...
...USE THIS POWER...

MAGIC IS SUPPOSED TO...
BRING A HAPPY MEDIUM TO OUR SOCIETY
BUT...
I DON'T THINK IT'S VERY 'HAPPY', DON'T YOU?
IT'S NOT THAT I'M IN A HURRY
AFTER ALL, WE'RE STILL YOUNG...
BUT IN TEN OR TWENTY YEARS, WON'T OUR WAY OF LIVING WORSEN?
IN TEN OR TWENTY YEARS, YOU'LL CERTAINLY BE PART OF THE COUNCIL.
BUT FOR ME I AGREE WITH WHAT YOU JUST SAID.
THE FACT THAT MAGICIANS DOMINATE THE POLITICS OF OUR SOCIETY IS UNACCEPTABLE!

THIS SEEMS INTERES-TING
IN OTHER WORDS, YOU NEED US!
I NEED PARTNERS IN ORDER TO SAVE THE WORLD!
THAT'S WHY...
YES
BUT NICOLAS, YOU...
I THOUGHT THAT YOUR POWERS WERE SEALED BY THE GREAT GUARDIAN
STAND UP
I...
I...
YOUR STRENGTH WILL BE GREATLY USEFUL
I ALSO NEED YOU...
RYAN

SFX: BAM
DO YOU WANT ME TO TRY THEM OUT?
KELLY!
KELLY!
KELLY .. ARE YOU OKAY?
YES... I'M JUST A LITTLE DIZZY.

BUT... WHEN THE CEREMONY OF THE SEAL WILL TAKE PLACE ONCE AGAIN, MY POWERS WILL BE DIMINISHED...
WILL THAT BE ENOUGH OR DO YOU WANT MORE?
UHM... NO, IT'S OKAY!
CELESTE?
THAT GIRL...
AFTER ALL, SHE'S LIKE ME.
EVEN IF SHE DOESN'T SEEM TO HAVE NOTICED IT YET.
SHE HAS TO JOIN US.

THE ORGANIZATION WON'T LET YOU...
PFF! THE ORGANIZ-ATION...
SHE IS...
ON THE SAME SIDE AS ME.
IT'S MORE OR LESS JUST A GROUP OF GUARDIANS IN CHARGE OF INSURING THE GOOD TRANSMISSION OF THE STONE BETWEEN THE CREATOR AND THE GUARDIAN FOR YOUNG MAGICIANS.
BUT WE DON'T HAVE THE SAME VISION OF A JUST WORLD, RIGHT?
IF I MANAGE TO WEAKEN HER...
SHE'LL FALL IN THE PALMS OF MY HANDS.

A REVOLUTION IS BEING PREPARED
NO. A SIMPLE EVOLUTION
BEFORE ANYONE WILL EVEN NOTICE, THE WORLD WILL START TO CHANGE
OR RATHER... WE ARE GOING TO RESTORE...
IS SOMETHING WRONG?
NO. IT'S NOTHING
CELESTE?
THE STATE IN WHICH IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING
GOOD.
THE HOUR WHEN WE'LL RESTORE THE WORLD IS DRAWING NEAR

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FORMERLY
MAGICIANS OCCUPIED ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PLACES IN THE WORLD
BUT ONLY A FEW OF THEM WANTED PEACE AND TRANQUILITY.
GREED FOR POWER DEVOURED THEM FROM THE INSIDE AND MADE THEM INTO BAD PEOPLE.
THEY SPENT THE MAJORITY OF THEIR TIME QUARRELING
WITH THE DARK DESIRE TO RULE OVER HUMANS!
AT THAT TIME WITCHES WERE A LOT MORE SENSIBLE THAN US TO SICKNESS.
HOW IRONIC!
THEY LIVED ONLY HALF OF A HUMAN LIFE
THAT'S RIGHT. HUMANS LIVED TWO TIMES LONGER THAN THEM.
Saine
THE WORLD THEY HAD MADE COULD NOT CONTINUE TO EXIST
AND IT'S THEM THAT PUT AN END
TO ALL THAT BECAUSE OF THEIR OWN STUPIDITY.

IT'S A BLESSING IN DISGUISE...
BECAUSE OUR POWERS FLOW OUT AND HAVE LESS INFLUENCE ON US
...Magic has evolved.
Like the world today...
NEW-BORN MAGICIANS WERE BORN HOLDING A STONE...
AFTER THAT TROUBLING EPISODE...
...thanks to our combined magic?
Wouldn't you like to see...
the transformations we could achieve...
Celeste...
BONK
CELESTE!
WAKE UP, CELESTE!

DO I HAVE TO REMIND YOU THAT EXAMS ARE TOMORROW? YOU COULD AT LEAST LOOK A LITTLE MORE CONCENTRATED!
PRO
IT'S NOT THE TIME TO DOZE OFF!
SAY...
THAT WEIRD DREAM
STILL REVERBERATES INSIDE ME
EW
YEAH...?
YOU'RE DISGUSTING! WIPE THAT DROOL!
LADY AGNES WAS A "GUARDIAN"...?
YOU TOLD ME THAT...

GUARDIANS ARE SUPERIOR TO CREATORS IN MANY ASPECTS!
IF YOU SAY SO. BUT... DID LADY AGNES ONLY HAVE ONE PREDECESSOR LIKE HER?
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S WEIRD FOR HER TO HAVE BEEN CHOSEN TO BECOME THE GREAT GUARDIAN?
WHILE MIRANDA WAS THE "CREATOR"?
WHY ARE YOU TELLING ME THIS NOW?

PLUS LORD WILBY HAS ALWAYS BEEN SINGLE AND DOESN'T HAVE ANY DESCENDANTS
GREAT GUARDIANS HAVE NEVER HAD ANY BLOOD LINKS
SO YOU SEE THAT THE CHOICE OF THE SUCCESSOR ISN'T BASED ON A LINK.
WHAT LINK DID HE HAVE WITH LADY AGNES?
LORD WILBY
NONE
ALL I CAN TELL YOU IS THAT LORD WILBY DIDN'T HAVE ANY ATTRACTION TO WOMEN.
NO, NONE.
BUT THERE HAS TO BE SOMETHING THAT CAUSED LADY AGNES TO BE CHOSEN AND NOT MIRANDA
THAT'S ENOUGH, WORK A LITTLE!
HUUH!?
I wonder if it wasn't love at first sight or something?
Is it about love?
Or history?
OH NO I SUDDENLY FEEL BAD... MY HANDS CAN'T WRITE!
WHETHER IT'S LADY AGNES...
ALTOGETHER...

OR MIRANDA
THE FACT THAT ONE WAS CHOSEN OVER THE OTHER ISN'T BECAUSE OF A DIFFERENCE IN STRENGTH
BECAUSE DESPITE THE FACT THAT YOU'RE STILL A NOVICE
YOU WERE ELECTED AS GUARDIAN
Fu Fu Fu
Fu Fu Fu
I

MALIDE?
KELLY...
SORRY, I... I COULDN'T...
YOU'RE ALONE? WHAT'S HAPPENING??
AT THAT TIME.
WHEN HE WAS TESTING HIS MAGIC ON YOU...
IN VIEW OF OUR NEXT ATTACK WE HAVE TO BE ABLE TO CALL ON OUR MAGIC AT ANY MOMENT
YET WE'RE ONLY STUDENTS!
I COULDN'T HELP SHIVERING
BUT I HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT IF WE USE HIS POWERS TO ACHIEVE OUR GOALS IT WILL CREATE DISORDER IN THE WORLD

BUT I'M UNABLE TO HAVE...
FEELINGS AS STRONG AS HIM
LIKE, HATE...?
SOMETIMES I WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO USE MY MAGIC ON OTHERS WITHOUT REGRETS, LIKE HIM.
BECAUSE OF THE ENVIRONMENT TO WHICH I BELONG, I HAVE ALWAYS HARBORED A GRUDGE AGAINST THE GUARDS.
I THOUGHT IT WAS THE SAME FOR THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE LEAGUE OF THE BLIND AND THAT'S WHY I JOINED YOU.
WHAT WE DID WITH ALGIE...
WAS ENOUGH.
YES.
HATE.
EVEN IF I TRUST IN MY OWN POWERS...
IT ISN'T ENOUGH.
He
Her
YOU'RE TOO TIMID.

ALL OF THIS SCARES ME A LITLE
YOU THINK THAT'S WHY
LIZZIE HAS BLIND FAITH IN HIM?
NICOLAS!
HE'S REALLY POPULAR
AS YOU CAN SEE
EVEN THOUGH HE'S BEEN HERE FOR A LITTLE WHILE, HE'S ALREADY SURROUNDED BY NUMEROUS FRIENDS

HE'S A REALLY GOOD KID
EVEN THE TEACHERS ARE REALLY HAPPY WITH HIS RESULTS
HE'S INTELLIGENT AND HAS A JOYFUL CHARACTER
I WOULD EVEN SAY THAT HE'S AN IDEAL STUDENT
Beats me
WANT TO KEEP AN EYE ON HIM.
I REALLY WONDER WHY YOU AND THE ORGANIZATION...
BLA
BLA
BLA
IS IT ME OR... DOES THIS SCHOOL ONLY HAVE MALE STUDENTS?
IT ISN'T BECAUSE HE SMILES ALL THE TIME THAT HE S CHARMING
AND A GOOD PERSON
CONSEQUENTLY, WE ONLY ACCEPT MALE STUDENTS
OBVIOUSLY, THIS SCHOOL IS MADE UP OF VERY DISTINGUISHED FAMILIES...
HA
HA
HA
Hmm That's weird, there are a lot that are a little chubby I wonder why.
But it's because they're too ashamed.
Yes, they are in good shape.
HUH?

HOWEVER, ORIGINALLY, THE SCHOOL ACCEPTED GIRLS
LIKE ELFINWOOD SCHOOL OF MAGIC
Exams are finally over!!!
CHRIS, CELESTE!
HOW WERE EXAMS JOAN?
HUM
HUH?
IT'S RARE TO SEE YOU ALONE
YOU'RE NOT WITH LIZZIE?
AH

JOAN!
ON THAT...
SEE YOU LATER!
BUT AFTER ALL IT'S NOT SURPRISING SINCE WE WERE BORN AND RAISED TOGETHER
YET WHEN I SPEAK WITH HER, SHE'S BEEN REALLY PLEASANT.
WELL... SHE'S BEEN A LITTLE DISTANT FOR SOME TIME NOW...
AH, I'LL FINALLY BE ABLE TO STOP STUDYING! :D
A MOMENT AGO...
JOAN'S FACE...
IT LOOKED AS IF—
OUCH OUCH OUCH OUCH OUCH OUCH!
Gra!
THAT RABBIT!
THP

IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT'S TRYING TO ESCAPE
BUT THAT IT WANTS US TO FOLLOW HIM
I FINALLY FOUND YOU!
RABBIT!
WAIT!!
RABBIT!
KYAH!
MEAH!
AKEH!
BUT...
WE GOTTA CATCH HIM QUICKLY!
BEFORE HE ATTACKS THE OTHERS!
THE RABBIIIIIT!!
HEY, WHERE ARE YOU RUNNING OFF TO?
YOU SCARED ME MISHIMA KUN
IT LOOKS MORE LIKE...
A SHADOW?
Chew
Chew
BRR
BRR
NO I DON'T THINK SO...
DO DO YOU THINK IT'S A MOUSE?
NOOOOOO
Chew
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO EAT SUENAGA?
IS IT ME OR.. IS IT EATING SOMETHING ?

HOW COULD A SHADOW BE IN ELFINWOOD...?
POSSIBLE...
NO, THAT'S NOT...
Chew
Chew
HOW COME THAT "SHADOW" IS HERE, THEN?
THAT OUR PROFESSORS AND THE SAINTS CREATED YEARS AGO TO PREVENT THINGS LIKE THAT TO ENTER.
THE SCHOOL IS SURROUNDED BY A PROTECTIVE BARRIER...
A MOU... MOUSE...
A
Chew
Chew
ANYWAYS HE SEEMS TO BE ENJOYING THAT!
HMM... I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE...
THAT A SHADOW COULD HAVE BEEN HERE...
Is the school haunted?
JUMP
You're finished?
Slump
NOW I UNDER-STAND
IT WAS TO FOLLOW THAT THING THAT TRIED TO ESCAPE

ARE YOU BY ANY CHANCE AVOIDING CELESTE BECAUSE SHE'S THE GREAT GUARDIAN?
BUT IT'S SUCH A SHAME THAT ONE OF THE TWO SISTERS HIDES HER HAIR AND THE OTHER ONE CUT IT
It makes them look less feminine
WHAT'S WRONG?
DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE KEEPING IT FOR YOURSELF?
KELLY
EVEN THOUGH IN OUR CASE WE STILL HAVE A SUBJECT TO PASS THIS AFTERNOON
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE WE'VE SEEN EACH OTHER BECAUSE OF EXAMS!
YOU'RE STILL MAD?

BECAUSE ANYWAY...
NICOLAS INTENDS TO REUNITE US...
TO FORM A GROUP
WHY DO YOU THINK I'M MAD?
IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER...
WHETHER IT'S FOR THAT REASON OR ANOTHER...
I HADN'T REALIZED THAT THE KID HIMSELF HAS SUCH POTENTIAL AND IS ABLE TO MANIPULATE PEOPLE SO WELL...
NO I DON'T WANT TO
SAVE ME, BIG BROTHER!
IT ISN'T NICOLAS!
THAT'S NOT TRUE!
ANYWAY...
YOU'RE MISTAKEN
I DON'T WANT TO GO BACK!

YOU KNOW HIM, KELLY! YOU KNOW VERY WELL THAT NICOLAS WOULD NEVER ACT THIS WAY!
EVERYTHING'S HERBERT'S FAULT!
HERBERT?
UNDOUBTEDLY, YOU'RE STILL HIDING A LOT OF THINGS FROM ME
I DON'T RECOGNIZE YOU ANYMORE
ALGIE
I DON'T RECOGNIZE YOU AT ALL
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAS CHANGED SO THAT YOU NO LONGER CONFIDE IN ME—
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE KEEPING LOCKED INSIDE YOUR HEART
BUT I KNOW ONE THING: I CAN NO LONGER TRUST YOU

I CAN NO LONGER STAND IN THE SAME PLACE...
...AS YOU
SHE HAS A SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR...
AND OURS ISN'T...?
WHY DO WE HAVE TO QUIETLY FOLLOW LIZZIE LIKE THIS?!
AND...?

IT'S BECAUSE WE'RE FOLLOWING HER! BUT TELL ME, WHY AMONGST ALL THE STUDENTS OF OUR SCHOOL, DID YOU CHOOSE HER TO BE ONE OF YOUR SHIELDS?
PULL
WELL, IT'S BECAUSE SHE'S MY FRIEND!
WH WHAT?!
stare
HOHMMMMM
LOOK AT WHAT YOU'VE DONE! MY POOR CHEEK IS TOTALLY DEFORMED!
She pinched me so suddenly!
SHUSH
THAT KID, DO YOU THINK IT'S STANLEY, A STUDENT OF FIRST YEAR?
IT LOOKS LIKE IT BUT HEY WE HAVE A SCORE TO SETTLE!
AND JUST WHAT ARE WE DOING?!
HUH?
I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE OF SOMETHING
FOR THE MOMENT, I DON'T TRUST THEM!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND ANYTHING YOU'RE SAYING
I'M SPEAKING OF CLEA AND JOAN

I DON'T SEE WHAT THAT HAS TO DO WITH MY CHEEK...
SHUT UP! YOU'LL MAKE US MISS SOMETHING INTERESTING!
LOOK. THERE ARE STUDENTS FROM OLDER CLASSES THAT ARE WITH THEM, DO YOU KNOW THEM?
HMM... NOT AT ALL.
It's weird but...
I DON'T UNDERSTAND...
WHY PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT CLASSES ARE HERE
I DIDN'T KNOW THAT LIZZIE GOT ALONG WELL WITH OTHER STUDENTS
But it doesn't explain why students from other classes are here...
WHY DID THEY MEET UP HERE?
HMM... MAYBE THEY WANT TO FORM A GROUP
TO PLAY A GAME?
OR MAYBE IT'S... ABOUT "THAT"..
"THAT"?
YES, ALGIE'S SECRET GROUP!

AAH! THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE SPEAKING OF!
Hmmm
SO MANY THINGS HAVE HAPPENED SINCE THEN THAT I ADMIT TO HAVE FORGOTTEN...
YOU DON'T REMEMBER? I HAD ASKED YOU TO INVESTIGATE IT!
HUH?
You didn't notice anything weird?
I WOULD HAVE NEVER BELIEVED THAT LIZZIE WAS INVOLVED IN ALL THAT...
NO. NO.
DON'T ANSWER SO EASILY!
BUT IT'S BECAUSE... EVEN THOUGH SHE'S MY BEST FRIEND I DON'T KNOW WHAT...
WELL IT SEEMS AS IF HER FEELINGS TOWARDS YOU AREN'T RECIPORACATED!
CALM DOWN.
WHAT?!
UNDERSTOOD LET US TAKE CARE OF IT
BLA
IN THAT CASE WE'RE LEAVING.
BLA
OKAY SAY HELLO TO HIM FROM US

THEY'RE SEPARATING
Look.

WHAT IS SHE DOING?
SHAAAA
TAC
THE DOOR IS OPENING WITH MAGIC?
!!!
I DIDN'T KNOW THAT LIZZIE WAS ABLE TO USE MAGIC OF THAT LEVEL
WHERE DO YOU THINK THAT DOOR LEADS TO?
MY PLACE!

Gyaaah
CLEA!
I SAW YOU FOLLOWING LIZZIE AND THE OTHERS.
SO I FOLLOWED YOU.
SO SORRY, DID I SCARE YOU?
To think that it was us who were surprised to be following someone...
PULL
I DOUBT THAT IT WAS PURE COINCI-DENCE...
AGAIN
SAY, CLEA...
WHAT AM I DOING HERE IN FRONT OF SUCH A HUGE DOOR?
WHAT WHAT AM I PLANNING?
TELL ME THE TRUTH! WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING!?
I COULDN'T CLEARLY SEE WHAT WAS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS DOOR, BUT—
DOES IT REALLY LEAD TO YOUR PLACE?
YES, IT LEADS TO MY PLACE. UNLESS I'M MISTAKEN WITH ANOTHER DOOR, BUT I DON'T THINK SO
WE BETTER STOP OUR RESEARCHES FOR TODAY, CELESTE

WE NEED PERMISSION FROM THE TEACHERS TO OPEN THAT DOOR.
IF WE BREAK IN THEY'LL IMMEDIATELY NOTICE
WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING ELSE. LET'S GO
WAIT...
THERE'S STILL A LITTLE MAGIC... ON THE DOOR.
Open
SHHHHH
AH...

DON'T YOU FIND IT COLD IN HERE?
YOUR HOUSE LOOKS LIKE A REAL HAUNTED HOUSE, CLEA
My ears are ringing
HUH... YOU... YOU THINK?
IT WON'T OPEN ANY-MORE!
BUT IT'S TRUE THAT IT IS QUITE COLD...
Clap
IT'S DARK, WHERE'S THE LIGHT SWITCH?
SAY CLEA, IF WE'RE REALLY AT YOUR PLACE
THEN THERE SHOULD BE A STABLE, NO?
YES. WE COULD...
USE A CARRIAGE TO GET BACK TO SCHOOL

BUT... WHAT IF THIS ISN'T CLEA'S HOUSE?
HUH?
I KNEW IT! YOU BROUGHT US HERE TO TRAP US!
TO TRAP YOU? NO YOU'RE MISTAKEN
I WAS SIMPLY WORRIED ABOUT LIZZIE!
Ah...
WORRIED?
LIZZIE!

Li...
Zuii
WHY, LIZZIE?
YOU HAD TO BRING THAT UNDESIRABLE PERSON TOO
EVEN THOUGH I TOLD YOU TO ONLY BRING CELESTE HERE—
HOW DO YOU PLAN ON RETURNING NOW? IF THE TEACHERS SEE YOU PASSING BY THE GATES, YOU'LL BE IN GREAT TROUBLE—
WHAT'S THE REASON FOR ALL OF THIS?
AND WHY DID YOU USE YOUR MAGIC TO COME HERE WHEN IT'S FORBIDDEN?
WHY ARE THERE NO SERVANTS? IT'S WEIRD...
WHERE ARE THEY?
AND DAD AND THE OTHERS?

LIZZIE ...?
AH
I'VE HAD ENOUGH
WE SHOULDN'T BE HERE. I HAVE A BAD FEELING...
ALRIGHT?
LET'S GO BACK TO SCHOOL!
SHUT UP!

CLEA!
CLEA!
CLEA
LIZZIE! WHAT DID YOU DO TO HER!?
CLEA!

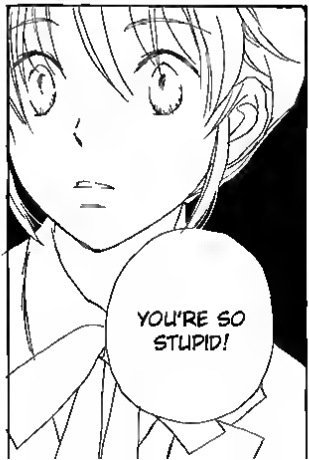
YOU KNOW NOTHING ABOUT ME
I HAVEN'T DONE... ANYTHING WRONG
CLEA IS YOUR GUARDIAN!
WHAT YOU JUST DID TO HER IS UNFORGIVABLE!
IT ISN'T ME WHO CHOSE THAT GIRL TO BE MY GUARDIAN
THAT GIRL...
SINCE THE BEGINNING, SHE'S BEEN... ANNOYING!
YOU STILL HAVEN'T UNDERSTOOD!
CELESTE, BRING CLEA TO A DOCTOR, QUICKLY!
YOU ONLY HAVE TO OPEN THE DOOR WITH YOUR MI...
TSS!
LIZZIE, LET'S GO BACK TO SCHOOL!

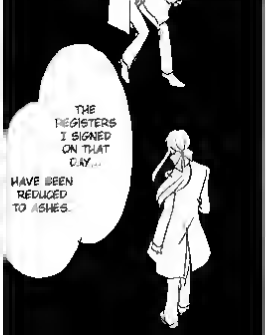
WAAH...
Zuu
AH...
Pii
AHH!
CH... CHRIS!?

WHAT?
TE...
CHRIS!
IDIOT!
CHRIS!
I'M ALRIGHT
BUT LIZZIE... YOU'VE GOT TO BE CAREFUL WITH HER
BUT CHRIS, YOU'RE WOUNDED!
DON'T...
DON'T TURN YOUR BACK ON AN ENEMY!
QUICKLY...
QUICKLY!! YOU HAVE TO SAVE CLEA!!
Hmm...
AND JUST WHAT ARE YOU SCHEMING, SHEILD AND THE GREAT GUARDIAN?

LIZZIE... ALL THIS TIME...
WEREN'T YOU MY BEST FRIEND?
REDUCED...
TO ASHES...?
SHELTER
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? I DON'T UNDERSTAND, LIZZIE...

LIZZIE... WHY DO YOU SAY THAT?
AREN'T YOU MY SHIELD TOO?
NOT ANYMORE.


YOU'RE SO STUPID!


THE REGISTERS I SIGNED ON THAT DAY...
HAVE BEEN REDUCED TO ASHES.

IT'S HERE, MISS PRINCIPAL.
IF YOU WANT SOME ADVICE, KNOW THAT YOU SHOULDN'T EXPECT..
MUCH FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN GIRLS.
NOT LONG AGO, SOMEONE WENT THROUGH THIS DOOR WITHOUT PERMISSION..
BY USING MAGIC

HE'S GONE?
YES
EVEN HIS COMRADES DON'T KNOW WHERE HE IS—
THE DOORMAN SAID HE DIDN'T SEE ANYBODY. SO NICOLAS MUST STILL BE AT SCHOOL
WE'LL FIND HIM SOON
HE CAN'T BE THAT FAR. WE'LL FIND HIM.
NO.
WHAT A MISTAKE I'VE MADE!
I SHOULDN'T HAVE LET HIM GET OUT OF SIGHT
I HAVE TO QUICKLY INFORM MY SUPERIORS!

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Temptations from the Past

AFTER ALL, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A CHILD'S MAGIC
hmm
SO?
YES,
CAN YOU LEAD US TO THEM?
THERE ARE STILL SOME TRACES OF MAGIC LEFT
SO IT WON'T BE DIFFICULT TO FOLLOW THEM
VOOSH
SFX: KRI KRI KRI
HUH!?

WHERE ARE WE...?
IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE IN A STUDY ROOM.
EXCUSE US WE WERE JUST PASSING BY...
I wasn't expecting their visit!
Ah. They surprised me.
LET'S TRY AGAIN.
BUT, I...
OPEN
KYAAH!!

EXCUSE ME, THE DOOR OPENED SUDDENLY AND SURPRISED ME!
AH...
?
FALL
?
Hmm
THIS TIME...
IT'S A LIBRARY...
SORRY FOR HAVING SURPRISED YOU
WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE...

... IT ISN'T...
A SIMPLE CHILD'S MAGIC.
YOU'RE TELLING ME...
CELESTE
I DON'T HATE YOU.
ALL THAT WE SHARED ALL THAT, WAS A LIE...?
YOU'VE ALWAYS HATED ME?
THAT AFTER ALL THIS TIME...

CHRIS!
ARE YOU O...
AH!
GUEST?
AND KNOW THAT YOU'RE HERE AS A GUEST.
SFX: ZUUU
SHADOWS...?

NO!
STAY AWAY!
DON'T COME HERE!
PSH
PSH
YOU SHOULD LEAVE THEM ALONE
LIZZIE...
"I WANT TO BE SAVED..."
"TO BE ABLE TO LIVE FREELY..."
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN WHAT YOU TOLD ME ON THAT DAY?
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S THE PERFECT OCCASION TO MAKE YOUR DREAMS COME TRUE?

IF YOU USE SHADOWS YOU WILL NO LONGER NEED CHRIS TO USE YOUR MAGIC!
ARE YOU REALLY... SERIOUS?
DON'T TELL ME THAT YOU HOLD ON TO HER JUST BECAUSE YOU FOUND OUT SHE'S YOUR TWIN?
NOW..
UNDER MY EYES..
THE FACT THAT WE'RE LINKED BY BLOOD HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT!!
WHAT ARE... YOU SAYING... LIZZIE...?
CHRIS HAS FALLEN..
BECAUSE OF HER JOB AS A SHIELD, SHE ABSORBS MY OWN PAIN..
CHRIS IS...
I DON'T GET ALONG WITH HER AT ALL, SHE...
EVEN IF CHRIS IS STILL MAD AND THAT...

I'M SURE THAT ONE DAY, YOU'LL UNDERSTAND...
WHAT A SHAME...
TO BE ABLE TO USE YOUR MAGIC...
CELESTE
ALL THAT TO PROTECT ME, THE GREAT GUARDIAN
CHRIS IS MY GAURDIAN!
WHAT ARE YOU!...
LIZZIE? ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
WHAT?
IT IS NECESSARY TO HAVE A GUARDIAN
THE GUARDIAN IS LIKE THE SECOND HALF OF YOUR SOUL
I THOUGHT THAT YOU, AT LEAST, WOULD UNDERSTAND...
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE YOU FINISHED BY FOLLOWING THE PRINCIPAL'S ADVICE!

YOU'RE ALL PALE!
AND YOU'RE TREMBLING!
IT CAN'T BE... TRUE!
Go away Pu!
YOU REALLY DON'T LOOK GOOD...
AS LONG AS WE DON'T TREAT CLEA...
YOU WON'T GET BETTER
I..
I NO LONGER DEPEND ON THAT GIRL, I AM FREE!
SO, WE SHOULD...
I'M ALRIGHT.
LIZZIE...
NO MORE WILL I HAVE A GUARDIAN!

PHARMACY
MASTER..
CAN YOU COME TASTE MY POTION?
YES.
LIZZIE!!
GWOO

STER
MASTER!
MASTER!?
I KNOW.
I promise!
I... I DIDN'T
I SWEAR THAT I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING!
BLOOD
THIS LOOKS BAD.
CELESTE IS IN DANGER.

SERIOUSLY.
WHILE I USED ALL OF MY STRENGTH...
YOU COULD HAVE AT LEAST RECEIVED A COUPLE OF WOUNDS!
LIZZIE!
STOP NOW, LIZZIE!
I IMAGINE YOU HAVE ALREADY CHOSEN MY REPLACEMENT... RIGHT?
YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT ME? WHY?
WAH!
THE STREETS ARE FULL OF PEOPLE!

What's happening?
No! I tell you, it's a magician!
Look, he's coming this way!
WHAT AN UNUSUAL VISIT
ELLIS.
MASTER

THE WOUND IS STILL FRESH
Waah!
What a beauty
Is it a boy or a girl?
Echo
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR FACE?
HELLO VINCENT!
IS IT RECENT? IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S BEEN DONE BY MAGIC
COME INSIDE...
WHAT IF YOU EXPLAINED THE REASON FOR YOUR VISIT?
WHO WAS TARGETED
IT WAS THE GREAT GUARDIAN...
.....
ELLIS?
HE'S SURELY INVOLVED IN ALL OF THIS.
NICOLAS' DOING.
IT'S PROBABLY ..
SO... FINALLY, MY FEELING WAS RIGHT...

Cling
Cling
Cling
SHE'S PART OF YOUR GROUP, RIGHT?
AMONG THEM, THERE IS LIZZIE
FOUR STUDENTS ARE MISSING
MISS PRINCIPAL
MAIL FROM THE ORGANIZATION
IT WOULD SEEM THAT NICOLAS—
ESCAPED FROM HIS ESTABLISHMENT

IT WOULD ALSO SEEM THAT YOUR UNCLE HASN'T RETURNED HOME...
DO YOU, BY CHANCE, KNOW ANYTHING?
NO... I KNOW NOTHING.
I'VE HAD ENOUGH!
EVEN THOUGH I DON'T HAVE THE FEELING OF HAVING BEEN BETRAYED...
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT'S HAPPENING!
YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE... I TOO... I DON'T UNDERSTAND NICOLAS' BEHAVIOUR...
HUH...
WHAT... WHAT ARE YOU GUYS TALKING ABOUT?

I HOPE YOU'RE NOT ALL THINKING THAT...
WE'RE TELLING SECRETS BEHIND YOUR BACKS?
Gulp~
ALGIE...
KACHA
RYAN AND GLEN, GET INSIDE.

MALIDE AND I AREN'T SCAREDY-CATS!
NOT YOU?
THOSE TWO SEEMED TO BE VERY SCARED...

ANYWAY, IT REALLY ISN'T IN THE GROUP'S INTEREST... TO GET CAUGHT
ALL OF THIS DOESN'T SEEM TO DESTABILIZE YOU...
YOU THINK THAT...
THE TEACHERS ARE DOUBTING...
COULD YOU BE WORRIED ABOUT CELESTE?
SOMETHING ?
AH! BUT I SWEAR!
I KNOW ABSOLUTELY NOTHING ABOUT HER OR ABOUT THE OTHERS!
I...
I'M SIMPLY A MEDIOCRE HUMAN BEING

DIDN'T YOU AND THE OTHERS DOUBT A LITTLE BIT...?
THAT MY MAGIC...
WAS DIFFERENT?
I AM EMPTY.
THERE'S NOTHING IN ME ABSOLUTELY NOTHING...
ALGIE...
I UNDERSTOOD NOT LONG AGO.
I'M ALWAYS MAD..
BUT I WOULDN'T KNOW IF IT'S A BETRAYAL.
WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?
HOWEVER, I'M AWARE OF ONE THING
IT'S THAT WE SHARE THE SAME FEELING OF ANGER.
WHY CAN'T I FEEL OTHER THINGS THAN ANGER..?

THE GUARDIANS ARE PRIVILEGED!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND YOU.
YOU AT LEAST HAVE THE CHANCE TO HAVE A GOOD GUARDIAN
KELLY...
AFTER HAVING CONFIDED IN YOU.
HUH?
WHAT IF WE SPOKE ABOUT YOU NOW?
SHHH
I FEEL A LITTLE BETTER.
SEEING IT THAT WAY, IT'S EASIER TO HATE OUR GUARDIAN THAN TO APPRECIATE HIM.
I CAN'T POSSIBLY HATE ANNETTE.
IN SPITE OF THAT...
WE ARE LINKED TO OUR GUARDIAN'S DESTINY AND WE ARE NO LONGER FREE.
WE HAVE TO MAKE AN OATH.

IT LOOKS LIKE A FIGHT BETWEEN GIRLS...
WHAT'S HAPPENING?
JOAN!
CALL THE TEACHERS!
JOAN!
A SHADOW...?
WAH!
SWOO
AAH!
WHAT'S THAT?
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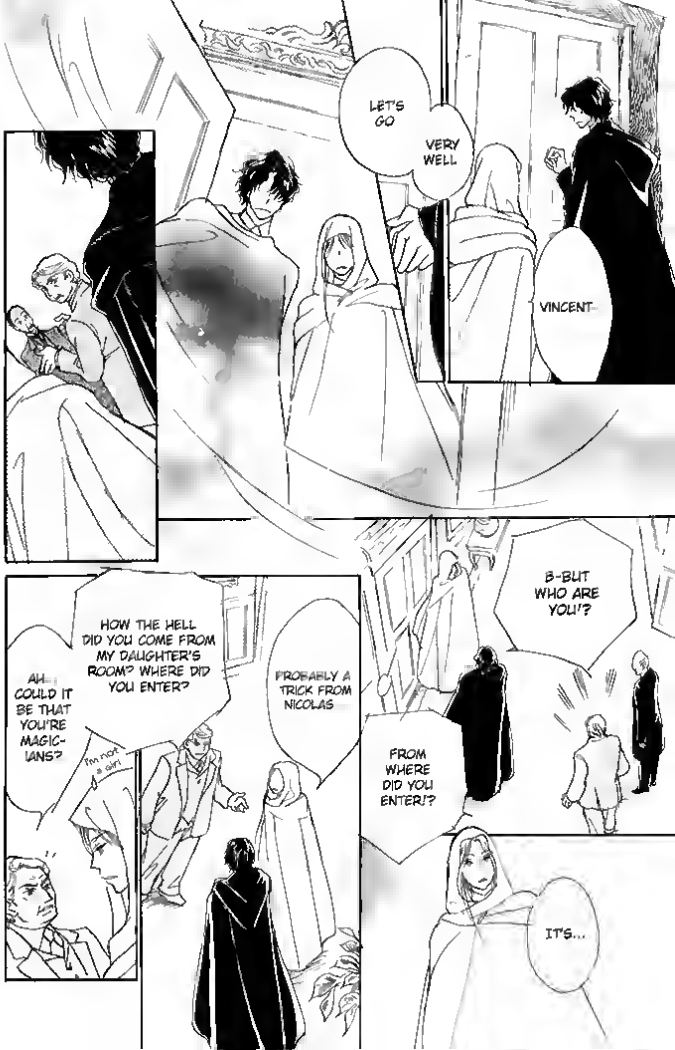
HUH...
ALGIE ...?
YOU CAN... MANIPULATE SHADOWS?
WAIT .. THAT WOULD MEAN THAT CELESTE...
THE ANSWER IS THAT, NOW—
I CAN NO LONGER GO BACK.
TO WHAT LENGTHS I WAS PLANNING TO GO?
WASN'T IT YOU WHO ASKED ME ONCE!

WAAH!
ALGIE...?
ALGIE!
PROTECT MY LITTLE BROTHER.
I MUST...
ALGIE?

MAYBE WE CAN TRY SOMETHING...
WAIT A LITTLE...
ELLIS...
HOW-EVER...
I WILL RETURN TO THE ORGANI-ZATION
PHARMACY


LET'S GO
VERY WELL
VINCENT
B-BUT WHO ARE YOU!?
FROM WHERE DID YOU ENTER!?
IT'S...
HOW THE HELL DID YOU COME FROM MY DAUGHTER'S ROOM? WHERE DID YOU ENTER?
PROBABLY A TRICK FROM NICOLAS
AH... COULD IT BE THAT YOU'RE MAGICIANS?
I'm not a girl!

I'M CELESTE'S PROTECTOR
SO IF I UNDER-STAND CORRECT-LY
IT'S JUST A FORMALITY?
AND I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT SHE'S HERE
I HOPE THAT IT'S THE LAST TIME YOU COME AND BOTHER ME!
SOMEONE LIKE YOU ALREADY CAME BY EARIER, I TOLD HIM THAT NICOLAS HASN'T RETURNED!
AS I THOUGHT, IT'S A MISTAKE, VINCENT
NO, THERE IS NO MISTAKE

EVEN THOUGH I LIVED WITH MY GRANDMOTHER WHO WAS A MAGICIAN
I HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE IN THAT DOMAIN
BUT MAGIC DOES NOT NEED INCANTATIONS TO WORK
IN REALITY, FOR SOME PEOPLE, MAGIC CAN HAVE AS MUCH IMPORTANCE THAN WORDS PRONOUNCED BY A RELIGIOUS PERSON
WELL
IN THAT CASE
WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN A LITTLE MORE ABOUT IT AT ELFINWOOD?
CELIA
EXCUSE ME FOR A MOMENT
ALEX
CELIA
HUH?
CELIA
THE ENTIRE ORGANIZATION IS LOOKING FOR HIM
YOU'RE SPEAKING OF NICOLAS?
CELIA

CELIA!
SFX GRIIII
HERBERT!

CELIA?
He
He
I'VE FINALLY FOUND YOU!
He

CELIA!

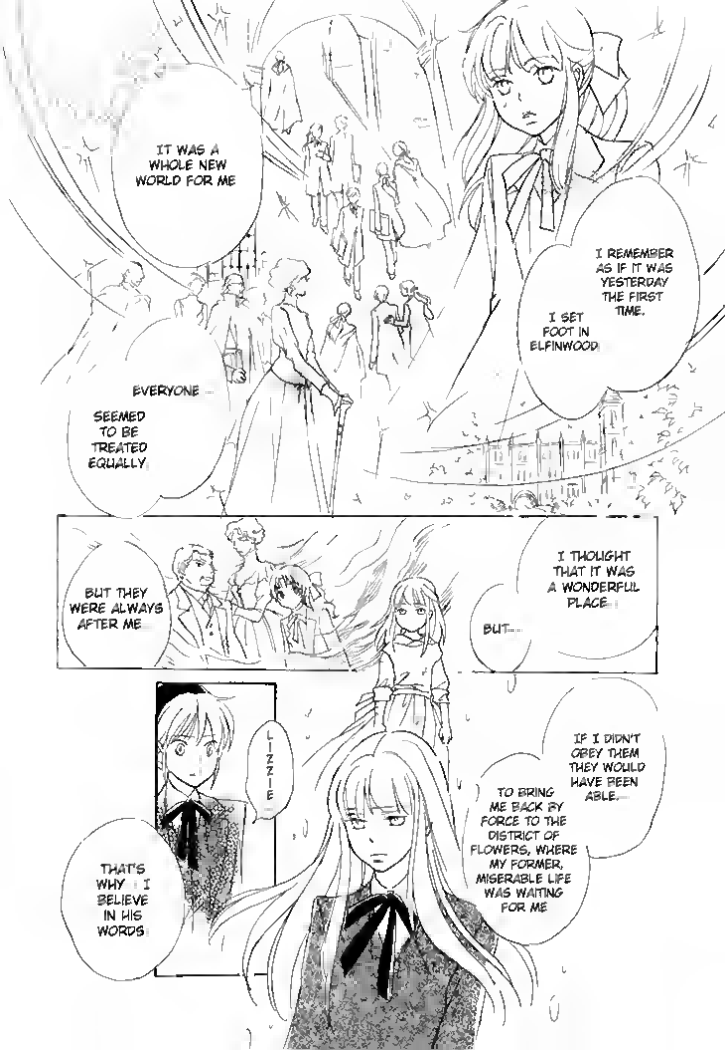
CELIA!
CELIA!
NO! YOU MUSTN'T GO THERE!
SFX: BAM
SFX: BAM
WHAT'S WITH ALL THE NOISE?
HERBERT!
GIVE HER BACK, HERBERT!
BAM
BAM
EUGENE
KACHA

BUT— RIGHT BEFORE, ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS DOOR
EUGENE
WHAT A SURPRISE! TO WHAT DO I OWE THE HONOUR OF YOUR PRESENCE?
ELEONA
MOTHER
IT'S CERTAINLY A MAGIC DOOR, WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT.
WE NEED TO ASK FOR HELP FROM THE ORGANIZATION AND THE GREAT GUARDIAN
THAT CHILD—
WHEN HE CALLED ME, I COULDN'T REMAIN CALM.
WHAT MADE YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND?
I THOUGHT THAT YOU HATED THIS HOUSE, MOTHER—

I REMEMBER.
HERE, TAKE THIS, YOUR FACE IS COVERED IN BLOOD
BLOOD?
AH YOU PROBABLY CUT YOUR HAND SOMEWHERE BEFORE
EUGENE?
HERBERT'S LAST WORDS ...
BIG BROTHER?
WHY ARE YOU TREMBLING...

WE SHARE THE SAME BLOOD.
I CAN STAY HERE, RIGHT? AFTER ALL, WE'RE BROTHERS
CELIA, STOP CRYING, YOU SHOULDN'T BE SCARED
I LOVE YOU, EUGENE...
IT'S ME...
IT'S MY FAULT...
IT'S ALL MY FAULT!
EUGENE...
IT'S MY FAULT HE WAS ABLE TO HARM NICOLAS!
WELL...

THAT CHILD, WHERE IS SHE?
THE CREATORS
ARE AS DISCRIMINATED AS WOMEN AND STRANGERS!
YOU DON'T KNOW HOW IT IS TO LIVE UNDER THE ROOF OF MAGICIANS!
I GREW UP IN THE DISTRICT OF FLOWERS.
BECAUSE I WAS BORN WITH A STONE IN MY HAND...
I WAS ABLE TO ESCAPE THE POVERTY OF MY DISTRICT...
AT FIRST, I WAS GRATEFUL TO THOSE PEOPLE THAT HAD LET ME LIVE IN LUXURY.


I REMEMBER AS IF IT WAS YESTERDAY THE FIRST TIME.
I SET FOOT IN ELFINWOOD.
IT WAS A WHOLE NEW WORLD FOR ME
EVERYONE SEEMED TO BE TREATED EQUALLY.
I THOUGHT THAT IT WAS A WONDERFUL PLACE.
BUT...
BUT THEY WERE ALWAYS AFTER ME.
LIZZIE
IF I DIDN'T OBEY THEM THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE...
TO BRING ME BACK BY FORCE TO THE DISTRICT OF FLOWERS, WHERE MY FORMER, MISERABLE LIFE WAS WAITING FOR ME
THAT'S WHY I BELIEVE IN HIS WORDS.

SHAH
HMM?
YO, CELESTE!
YOU MUSTN'T! THEY ARE ONLY LIES
I BELIEVE IN THE FUTURE HE WANTS TO ESTABLISH
I'M HAPPY TO SEE YOU AGAIN
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SO DISTANT, I DON'T INTEND TO HURT YOU!

KYAH!
NOOOOOOOOOO!
I SIMPLY WANT TO TALK WITH YOU...
WHAT IF WE CONTINUED OUR LITTLE CONVERSATION FROM LAST TIME?
CHRIS, YOU'RE STILL ALIVE!?
SORRY TO DISAPPOINT YOU!
YOU MUSN'T SPEAK WITH HIM, DON'T LET HIM TRICK YOU!
WHY DO YOU LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT!?
WE'RE NOT YOUR ENEMIES, YOU KNOW.

WE?
ALGIE...?
WE DON'T INTEND TO FIGHT YOU.
WHY... ALGIE...

CELESTE...
CELESTE...
I KNOW THAT YOU FEEL LOST
WH-
WHO IS FEELING LOST!?
LET ME LOOK AT YOU, CELESTE I AM NOT YOUR ENEMY
YOU AND I RESEMBLE EACH OTHER MORE THAN YOU THINK.
BY COMBINING OUR TWO STRENGTHS
WE WILL GIVE BIRTH TO THE MOST POWERFUL MAGIC THAT HAS EVER EXISTED!

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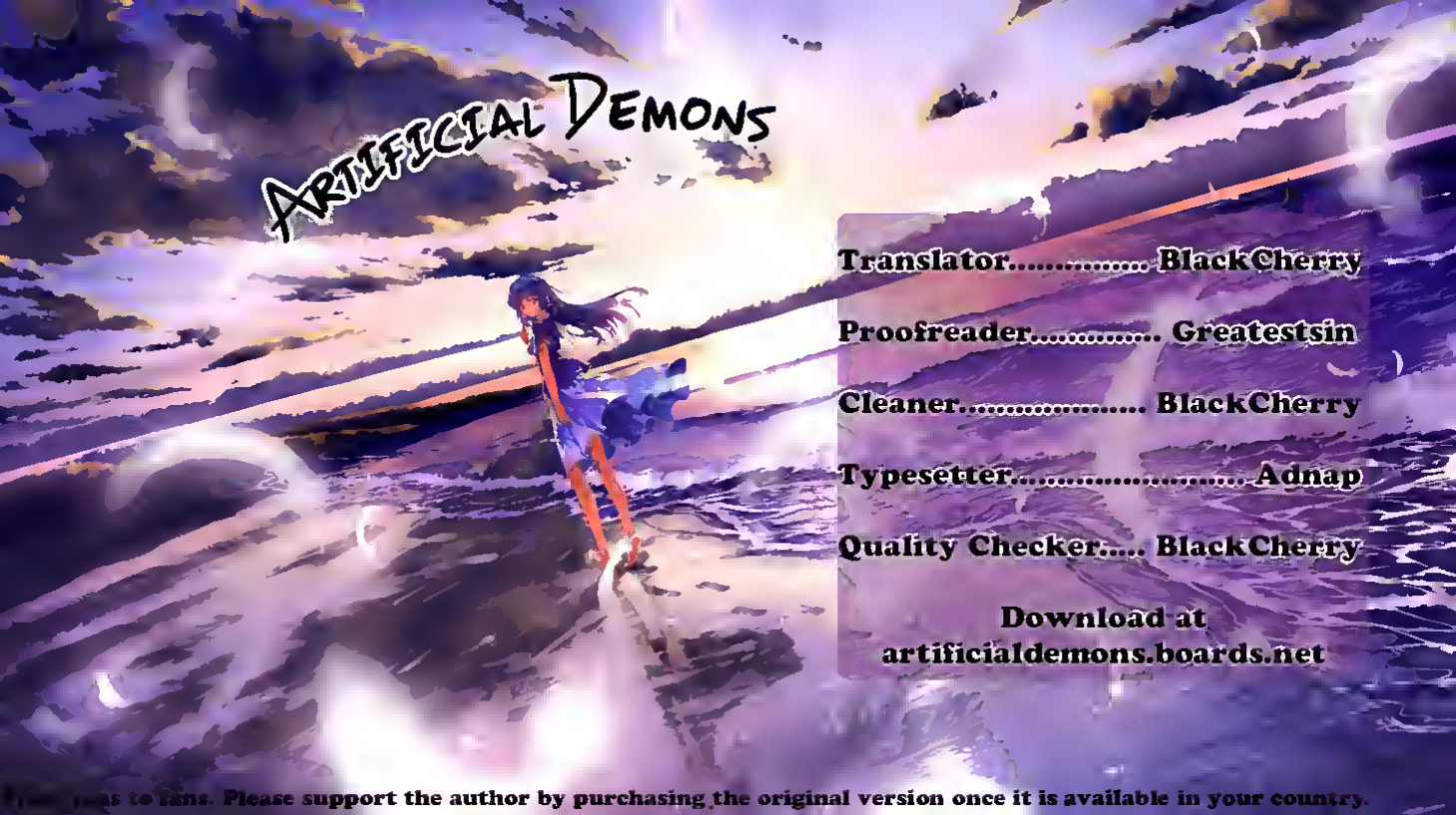

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SFX: TAP TAP
Zzz
Zzz
I'M SORRY I TRIED TO HOLD THEM BACK, BUT
WHAT'S WRONG?
TSS! MORE OF THEM ARE COMING!
MASTER
HEY!
I'M SORRY, BUT YOU CAN'T
I HEARD THAT YOU WERE INJURED...
Yeah, but as it I'm not here!
VIN-CENT!
PRES-IDENT!
IT'S NOTHING SERIOUS
I GOT A CALL FROM ELLIS THAT ASKED ME TO COME AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE
WOULD IT BE ABOUT CELESTE?
WHERE IS THE GREAT GUARDIAN?

I THINK SHE'S WITH NICOLAS, BUT...
THERE'S SOMETHING PREVENTING ME FROM KNOWING WHERE THEY ARE
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT NICOLAS HASN'T RETURNED HOME!?
MOTHER ...?
HUH?
ELEONA?
STILL MAKING A MESS..
THAT KID.

HERBERT
CELESTE
WHAT HAVE YOU BECOME, MY POOR CHILD!?
CELESTE
I NEED YOU.
WAAH! THIS ISN'T GOOD!
I FEEL ATTRACTED TO A HUGE POWER
IF THIS CONTINUES I WILL...

SHA
BITE
GYAAH!!
OKAY YOU OPENED YOUR EYES? STOP WORRYING ME!
I'M SURPRISED THAT YOU DEFEND YOUR GUARDIAN.
CELESTE
GRR
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO BITE ME!
Tap
DON'T YOU WANT THE ORIGINAL MAGIC THAT WE ONCE LOST ?
CELESTE
WHAT DO YOU WISH FOR THE MOST IN THE WORLD?
YOU MUSTN'T FORGET
CELESTE

I WON'T LISTEN TO YOU!
I WON'T LISTEN TO ANOTHER WORD!
CELESTE
YOU TOO, ALGIE...
OR EVEN YOU, LIZZIE.
OR EVEN YOUR UNCLE...
I DON'T BELIEVE ANY OF YOU!
IS THAT CLEAR?!
I DON'T WANT TO MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE AS THEM!
EVERYTHING YOU CLING ON TO ARE JUST WILD DREAMS!
TO REGAIN THE POWER OF THE OLD MAGICIANS? WHAT'S NEXT? ALL THAT IS PURE CRAZINESS!

CELESTE!
YOU DISAPPOINT ME...
CELESTE
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE GONE AGAINST MY WILL.
!!!
....

CELIA?
MOTHER?
WHY IS CELIA HERE...?
HUH?
AH... YOU FORGOT...?
THIS WOMAN IS ALSO ONE OF YOUR SHIELDS
CELESTE, MY BROTHER AND I...
SAY, CELIA... YOU REALLY DON'T WANT TO REMEMBER THE PAST?
OR LIKE THAT TIME, WILL YOU LOOK THE OTHER WAY?

BY YOUR FAULT...
BECAUSE YOU BETRAYED ME, I HAVE SUFFERED A LOT...
U..
WHAT DID YOU DO TO HER!?
SHE HAS BECOME A STONE
SHE CAN'T TALK, OR MOVE.
SHE CAN SIMPLY SEE YOU SUFFER!

I'm happy to see you
THE RABBIIIT!
HUH?
SHRI!
WA AH!
FLAP FLAP
YOU COULD HAVE AT LEAST HELPED ME
COME BACK DAMN MONSTER!
CELESTE...
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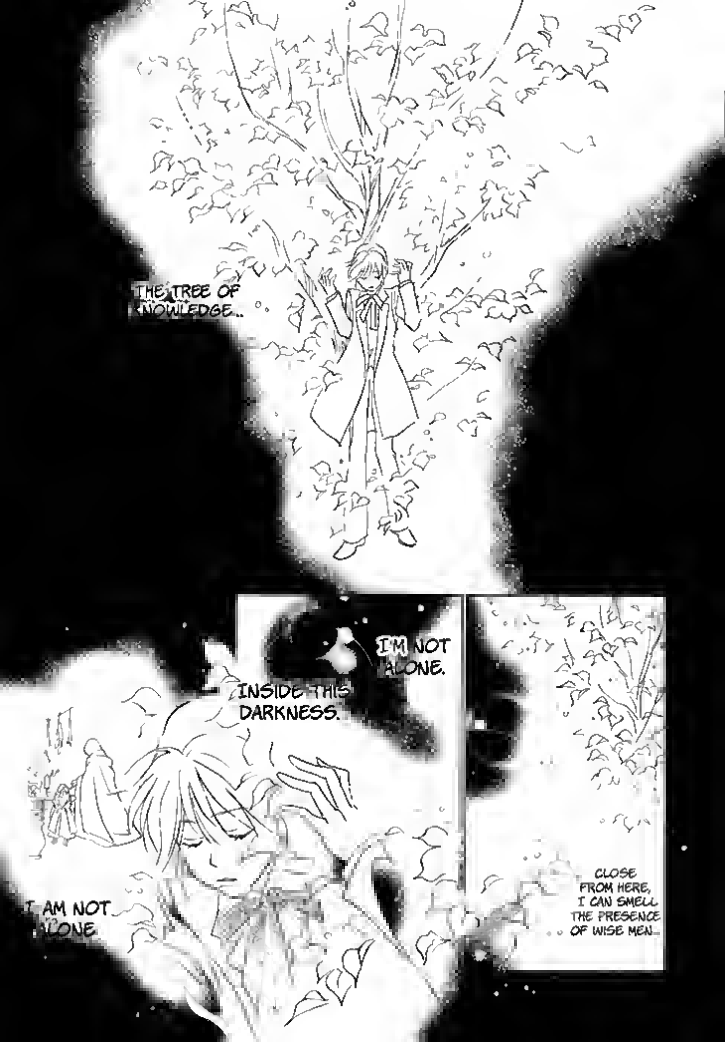
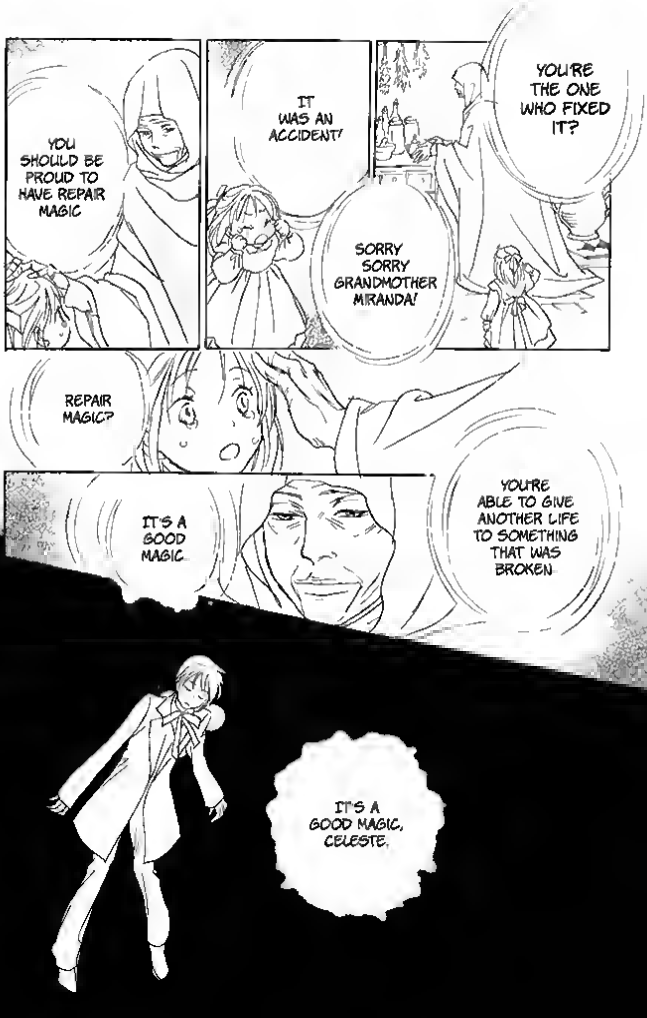
AH...
WAH...
WAH!
CELESTE!

WHERE ARE ... THE OTHERS ?
GYAH!
THE DARKNESS CAN MOVE

I FEEL CRUSHED...
...STE...
CELE-STE...
YOU ARE WEAK... YOU ARE SO WEAK, CELESTE...
YOUR EXISTENCE IS INSIGNIFICANT...
YOU'RE PITIFUL... SO PITIFUL...
LOOK...
YOU DISAP-POINT...
EVERY-ONE!

I SMELL..
AH..
PLANTS.
YOU ARE SO WEAK, CELESTE.


THE TREE OF KNOWLEDGE...
I'M NOT ALONE.
INSIDE THIS DARKNESS.
I AM NOT ALONE.
CLOSE FROM HERE, I CAN SMELL THE PRESENCE OF WISE MEN...


YOU SHOULD BE PROUD TO HAVE REPAIR MAGIC
IT WAS AN ACCIDENT!
SORRY SORRY GRANDMOTHER MIRANDA!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO FIXED IT?
REPAIR MAGIC?
IT'S A GOOD MAGIC
YOU'RE ABLE TO GIVE ANOTHER LIFE TO SOMETHING THAT WAS BROKEN
IT'S A GOOD MAGIC, CELESTE.

Frssit
THE WIND..
I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING BECAUSE OF THE DARKNESS, BUT..
THIS WIND..
THIS WIND, IT'S..

FOUND YOU.
ALGIE!

Huh?
HOW ANNOYING.
THE PRINCE...
IS BACK!
Ah...

SNIF
YOU, YOU BETTER STAY NEXT TO CLEA!
I THOUGHT THAT THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD HELP ME WAS MY BROTHER...
BUT LIKE EUGENE AND CELIA, YOU PREFERRED ABANDONING ME.
NICOLAS ...
NO, ALGIE!!

SPAM
AGH!
SFX BAM
What does that mean?
Why did that guy say that? Is this a new kind of value?
PRESIDENT!

HERBERT —!
ALGIE...
YOU GUYS...
EVEN AFTER THAT ATTACK YOU'RE STILL UNHARMED!
I MUST RECOGNIZE THAT YOUR SHIELDS ARE QUITE RESISTANT.

BUT SOON...
SFX: FRIISH
SSH
THERE!

YOU, YOU'RE GOING TO GET IN MY WAY, NOW?
WHO ARE YOU CALLING A TRAITOR? I WAS NEVER YOUR ALLY, HERBERT
SINCE ALL THIS TIME
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS MOMENT
TRAITOR!
WAKE UP...
NICOLAS!
NICOLAS
NICOLAS
NICOLAS!
CAN YOU HEAR MY VOICE?
HE TOOK YOUR HEART, YOUR SOUL AND YOUR BODY...
BUT YOU MUSTN'T LET HIM GET HIS WAY...
NICOLAS!

I WANT YOU TO BE BY MY SIDE.
YOU MUST BE STRONG, NICOLAS
STOP!
ALGIE!
HUH?
YES, THAT'S IT, CELESTE
YOU POSSESS GREAT MAGIC, ISN'T THAT WHY YOU BECAME THE GREAT GUARDIAN?
HOW ABOUT SHOWING ME WHAT YOU'RE CAPABLE OF?

IF I INHERITED THE TITLE OF GREAT GUARDIAN,
MY MAGIC IS A REPAIR MAGIC
IT CAN'T HARM OTHERS
IT'S ONLY TO SEAL PEOPLE LIKE YOU USING THE POWERS OF WISE MEN
WHY DO YOU HESITATE?
WHAT WOULD YOU KNOW?
SO, YOU PLAN ON CONTINUING TO LEARN USELESS THINGS AT ELFINWOOD?

OH, REALLY? SO WHY DID THE MAGICIANS OF THE PAST..
ALL HAVE A LIMITED LIFE SPAN?
USING A MAGIC EVEN CONTRARY TO YOURS WOULDN'T DO ANYTHING, YOU KNOW?
AND THAT WOULD ALLOW YOU TO BE WITH ALGIE
HERBERT YOU RE MAYBE NOT AWARE OF IT YET. BUT YOU'RE SLOWLY DYING
NO!
IT'S YOU AND THE ENTIRE ORGANIZATION THAT ARE DYING!
LADY AGNES ONLY INTENTION WAS TO SEAL THE DARK SEED, DID YOU KNOW THAT HERBERT?
YOU KNOW... NOTHING

YOU KNOW NOTHING...
ABOUT MY EXISTENCE!
EVERYONE
YOU'VE ALL MADE ME INTO A MONSTER, WITHOUT KNOWING IT!
WHY DID I HAVE TO UNDERGO SUCH INJUSTICE?
TO OTHERS' EYES, I HAD BECOME SO PITIFUL THAT I DIDN'T EVEN DESERVE TO BE LOOKED AT!
WHY DID YOU ALWAYS TRY TO DEPRIVE ME OF MY BEING?
WHO ARE YOU TO JUDGE ME THAT WAY?

WHY IS IT "THEM" THAT SHOULD ALWAYS BE RIGHT?
THEY CLAIM TO ACT FOR OUR "GOOD", BUT WHAT JUSTIFIES IT?
WHY...
I AGREE.
NOW I UNDERSTAND WHY I FELT FRUSTRATED EVERY TIME I SAW YOU
I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT THE SAME THING.
WHAT YOU'RE SAYING... IS ENTIRELY TRUE!
WHAT... DO YOU MEAN?
The one who should be frustrated is me!

BUT BEHIND THOSE FINE WORDS...
AREN'T YOU JUST SEEKING REVENGE?
SHUT UP!
YOU'RE WRONG ABOUT EVERYTHING
AND ABOUT MY POWER.
EXACTLY LIKE ME.
YOU'RE STILL JUST A CHILD, HERBERT!
WHAT DO YOU SEE WITH YOUR EYES? WHAT DO YOU HEAR WITH YOUR EARS?
NO MATTER WHAT IT IS, YOU ONLY SEE THE SURFACE, BUT YOU DO NOT SEARCH IN DEPTH
LIKE YOU, I HAVE A MILLION THOUGHTS THAT MAKE ME MAD, BUT...
I CANNOT JUDGE THINGS BASED ONLY ON MY POINT OF VIEW
BUT I CANNOT TRUST MY OWN VISION OF THINGS

...AND ABOUT MY LIFE!
YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG!
STOP!

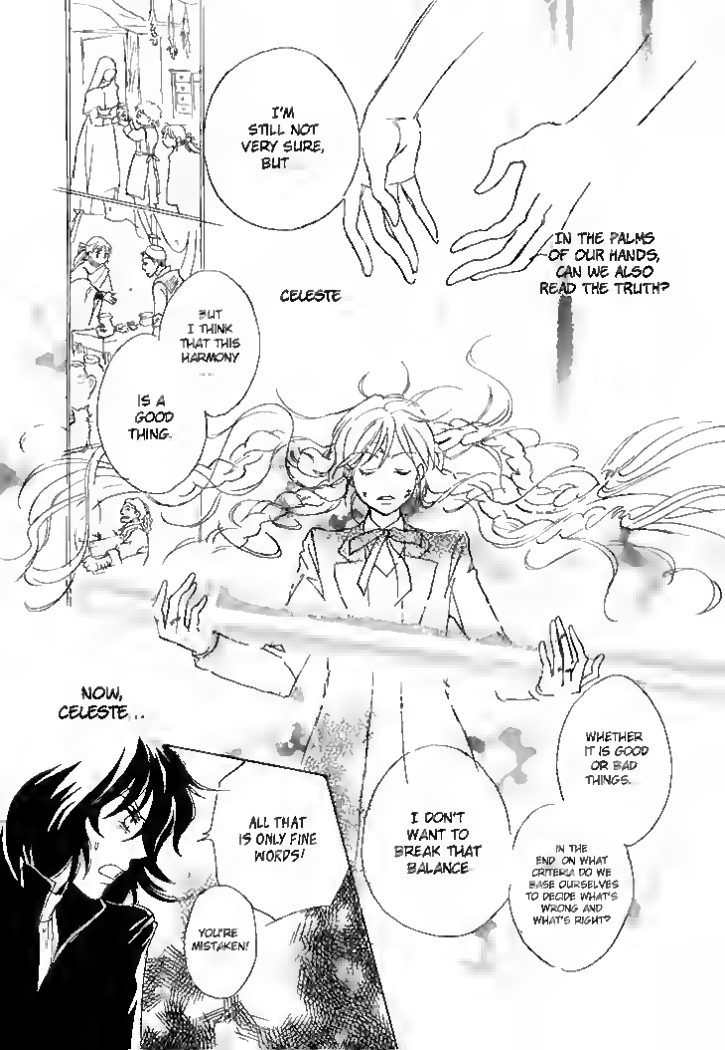
YOU MANAGED TO FREE YOURSELF FROM MY SPELL?
I'M SURPRISED
THAT'S ENOUGH, HERBERT!
CELIA...
HERBERT, I BEG OF YOU...
STOP THIS...
BUT THAT PERSON, AS RADIANT AS A PRECIOUS STONE, WHERE IS SHE?
I REALLY WANTED TO SEE YOU AGAIN...
AS CAREFREE AND SMILING AS BEFORE...

WHY DID THAT YOUNG WOMAN GIVE BIRTH TO CHILDREN?
WHY DOES SHE LOOK AT ME NOW WITH THAT DEJECTED LOOK?
DEJECTED ...?
BUT YOU KNOW...
BEFORE I HADN'T UNDERSTOOD TO WHAT EXTENT...
YOU FELT LONELY...
NOW I UNDERSTAND
I'M THE ONE WHO...
COULDN'T ACCEPT...
THE HAND YOU WERE OFFERING

CAN YOU FORGIVE ME..
HERBERT!
I..
IF I HAD ALSO BEEN MORE PRESENT, THEN MAYBE...
WHEN...
MIRANDA LEFT...

IT'S WEIRD.
I HELD ONTO MAGIC
SINCE I WAS BORN A CREATOR, I HAD A SPECIAL CHILDHOOD, WHERE I DIDN'T TRUST ANYONE...
I THOUGHT I WAS SCARED OF NOTHING...
RIGHT?
BIG SISTER! YOU'RE AWESOME!
AND WHEN I BECAME GREAT GUARDIAN AND STARTED ACCOMPLISHING MY DUTY (AS ANNOYING AS IT IS)...
I REALIZED THAT...
I WASN'T ALONE THERE WERE WISE MEN, MY SHIELDS AND TEACHERS
I STILL DESIRE POWER...
BUT THIS TIME, IT'S TO PROTECT MY FRIENDS
IT REALLY SCARES ME...
BECAUSE OF ME, THEY COULD DIE

BUT ARE YOU SATISFIED OF BEING TREATED...
LIKE A DOMESTIC ANIMAL?
I..
I DON'T HATE OUR WORLD THAT MUCH, YOU KNOW...
I'M VERY GRATEFUL TOWARDS LADY AGNES
THANKS TO HER, I WAS ABLE TO CREATE LINKS WITH...
NORMAL PEOPLE AND MAGICIANS
MY MAGIC BLINDED ME...
I UNDERSTOOD THAT IN THE HANDS OF NORMAL PEOPLE WAS HELD THE TRUTH
SO WHAT'S IN THE PALMS OF OUR HANDS?


I'M STILL NOT VERY SURE, BUT
IN THE PALMS OF OUR HANDS, CAN WE ALSO READ THE TRUTH?
CELESTE
BUT I THINK THAT THIS HARMONY ... IS A GOOD THING.
NOW, CELESTE..
WHETHER IT IS GOOD OR BAD THINGS.
IN THE END ON WHAT CRITERIA DO WE BASE OURSELVES TO DECIDE WHAT'S WRONG AND WHAT'S RIGHT?
I DON'T WANT TO BREAK THAT BALANCE
ALL THAT IS ONLY FINE WORDS!
YOU'RE MISTAKEN!

AND CREATORS ARE ABLE TO COEXIST TOGETHER.
GUARDIANS
WHETHER IT BE THE GREAT GUARDIAN THAT PASSES JUDGMENT...
OR NORMAL PEOPLE, IT'S ALL THE SAME...
SOLIDLY SEAL IT
LOCK IT AWAY DEEPLY...
ACCOMPLISH YOUR DUTY, CELESTE.
FROM NOW ON, I WILL BE YOUR STONE!

CELESTE!
CLEA!
HERBERT
MOTHER

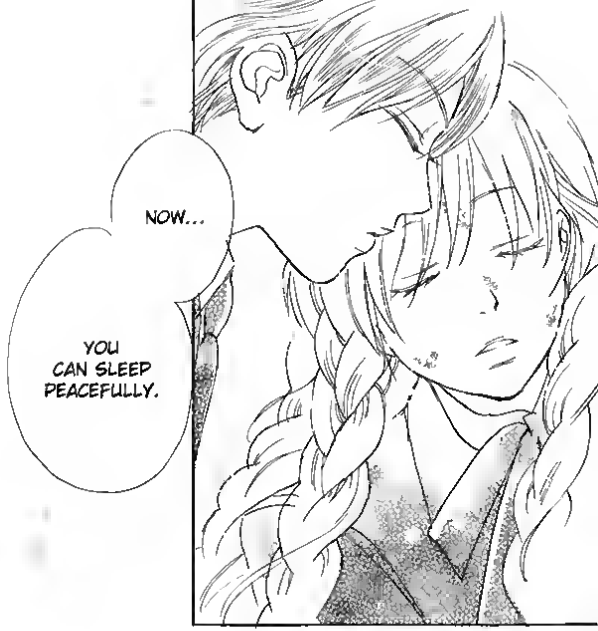
Hmm
NICOLAS!
NICOLAS!
NICOLAS
...
Big brother?
NICOLAS!
As usual she doesn't know her strength.
OUCH!
NICOLAS?
MOTHER
...
WELCOME BACK AMONG US, NICOLAS!

IT'S THE SEAL...
IT'S PROOF THAT THE DARK SEED WAS SEALED BY THE GREAT GUARDIAN
This time, it's the real one
SOMETHING IS BURNING ON MY NECK...
I DON'T KNOW FOR SURE...
I THINK THAT HE'S SLEEPING SOMEWHERE DEEP INSIDE OF ME.
HIM AND I ARE LINKED TOGETHER.
BUT I'M CERTAIN OF ONE THING. HE NO LONGER HAS CONTROL OVER ME
HOW DO YOU FEEL?
IS HERBERT REALLY GONE?
IT LOOKS A LITTLE LIKE A BRAID...
He's a little jealous
BRAID?

HERBERT, DO YOU HEAR ME!?
OUCH!
I'LL MAKE YOU PAY!
I BUT I AM NICOLAS
YOU'RE REALLY IMPATIENT, HERBERT!
EVEN IF YOU PROBABLY WON'T CHANGE
WE WILL CERTAINLY CHANGE A LITTLE...
FOR THE BETTER
SO YOU CAN REST IN PEACE

POF
POF
POF
THAT HURTS VINCENT!
VIN-CENT?
Scratch
Scratch
Scratch
FRUSH
FOR YOUR FIRST JOB
CONGRATULA-TIONS
THANK YOU

ROOAR
You know well that I've never had any stamina!!
GIVE HER!
MAKING THE SEAL MUST HAVE EXHAUSTED HER
SHE FELL ASLEEP
CELESTE
HEY COULD YOU ALSO HELP US OVER HERE?
THANK YOU FOR RETURNING
MY LITTLE BROTHER.



After Herbert was sealed...

Nicolas lost his magic powers.

He's still a student at Elfinwood.
But why does..
Aigle still have his magic powers...?
his secret organization.
It seems he has dissolved.
However..
CELESTE
OH..

Celeste has also started...
I'LL GO SEE THE PRINCIPAL
OKAY...
Good luck
We'll have to review and no.
HELP HE GET DOWN!
Getting used to her role as the great guardian.
And Clea
She goes to see her every day at the hospital
Lizzie managed to get a leaving authorization.
She hasn't woken up yet

Vincent seemed really satisfied to have her as his student
Chris often goes to Vincent's shop ..
To study remedies with him
Until Clea opens her eyes.
She wants to stay by her side
WHAT ARE YOU READING...?
AH!
DON'T TELL ME...
THAT YOU HOPE TO BECOME A BETTER GUARDIAN BY USING THAT!
GIVE IT BACK!
AH...

Well played. It's perfect!
I WONDER IF I COULD DO THE SAME THING ON CLEA...
IN NORMAL TIMES, I COULD ALSO REPAIR IT, BUT I MIGHT ERASE THE LETTERS...
ARE YOU CRAZY?! YOU CAN'T DO THAT ON HUMANS!
WELL...
AND HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO READ IT NOW!?
CALM DOWN, I'LL REPAIR IT...
Chee chee!
AND ON A LITTLE ANIMAL?
Hyaa!
NOT ON DON!
I DON'T GET TIRED OF WATCHING HER!
Ha ha
THAT YOUNG GIRL...
SHE RESEMBLES YOU WHEN YOU WERE YOUNGER, AGNES

HUH?
NO.
WHAT?
AS I TOLD YOU.
THAT CHILD RESEMBLES MIRANDA.
FOR NOW, YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL
You possess a repair magic.
Yes.
WHO DECIDED...
THAT I COULDN'T GO?

You can repair something that is broken.
It's a good magic, Celeste.

Some staff comments:

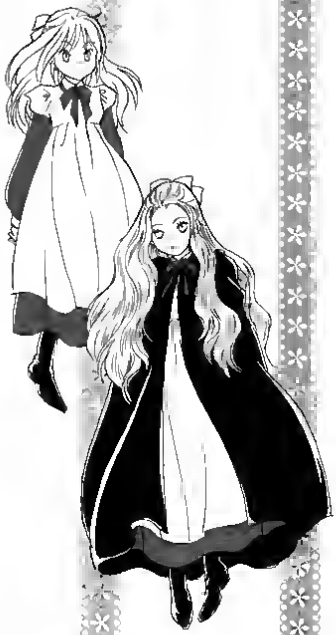
Harllama (PR): The story was intense and stuff. Kinda sad it ended yet at the same time happy because it always took so long to proofread. (Seriously tho sometimes it took over an hour).

Adnap (TS): I only did TS for the last chapter, and to me it's only known as the series with a 50 page chapter but nevertheless enjoy!

Shinigami (Head TS): I really enjoyed working on it and that, while I'm melancholic about it not being to work on it anymore, I also am glad to have shared it with its other fans.

BlackCherry (admin): Another completed series, yay! I found the ending very satisfying and am glad we could share it with you all. Remember to support the author in anyways you can!

-Artificial Demons



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